



Media Advisory

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Annual National Pollution Prevention Week Resource Fairs **Unwanted medications drop-off, thermometer exchanges, free reusable shopping bags, and pollution prevention tips.**

Event: The City of San José is hosting a series of National Pollution Prevention Week Resource Fairs – and invites everyone to be part of the green solution by learning pollution prevention measures that can protect the environment and make our homes, schools, and workplaces cleaner and safer.

Be part of the green solution by disposing of your medications and old-fashioned mercury thermometers properly to protect our local waterways and environment.

When & Where:

<p>Saturday, September 18, 2010 Barbara Lee Senior Center 40 N. Milpitas Boulevard, Milpitas 10:00AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>Thursday, September 23, 2010 San José City Hall, Bamboo Courtyard 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José 11:00AM - 2:00 PM</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 21, 2010 Willow Senior Center 2175 Lincoln Avenue, San José 10:00AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>Friday, September 24, 2010 Evergreen Community Center 4860 San Felipe Road, San José 9:30AM - 12:30PM</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 22, 2010 Campbell Community Center 1 West Campbell Avenue, Campbell 10:00AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>Saturday, September 25, 2010 Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center Camino Verde and Santa Teresa Boulevard San José 9:00AM - 1:00PM</p>

Activities:

- **Bring Your Unwanted Medications for Safe Disposal.** Medications that are flushed or poured down a drain will dissolve and even low levels of drugs can harm the health and reproduction of marine life – so bring your unwanted medicines and we'll safely dispose of them.
- **Exchange Your Mercury Thermometer.** Trade in an old glass mercury thermometer for a free digital thermometer. A single broken mercury thermometer can pollute up to five million gallons of water.
- **Get a Free, Reusable Shopping Bag.** Help reduce plastic pollution. Plastic debris, including bags, makes up 60 percent of the litter polluting our waterways and ecosystems.

Background: Since 1993, National Pollution Prevention Week has been celebrated annually to increase

awareness about simple actions that individuals can take to prevent pollution and protect the environment.

About the City of San José

San José is committed to protecting the environment and water quality of its creeks and the southern San Francisco Bay. The City is responsible for helping its residents and businesses understand how they can keep creeks and the Bay clean by keeping pollutants out of water used indoors (which flows through sanitary sewer system to the wastewater treatment plant and then to the Bay) and out of the water used outdoors (which flows into storm drains and to the nearest neighborhood creek). The City is a key partner in the regional Watershed Watch program (www.watershedwatch.org).

San Jose also embraces a Green Vision, which is a comprehensive strategy that links environmental responsibility and economic opportunity. This vision includes 10 bold goals that, among other goals, will help reduce its carbon footprint by more than half. All ten goals help contribute to reduced pollution. Visit www.sanjoseca.gov/greenvision for more information.

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