



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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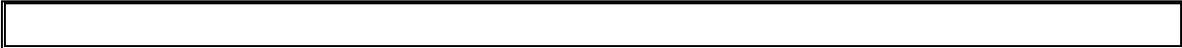
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SUBJECT: Services Provided by the Hazardous Products Center



The purpose of this City Council Report is to provide an overview of the services provided by the Hazardous Products Center (HPC).

BACKGROUND:

The HPC is a permanent facility dedicated to accepting and properly disposing of hazardous waste generated by residents and qualifying businesses of Flagstaff and Coconino County. The HPC is located at the Cinder Lake Landfill approximately thirteen miles from downtown Flagstaff. Given the location of the HPC, many City residents are unable to dispose of their hazardous waste when needed. To assist those unable to visit the HPC, two additional satellite hazardous waste drop-off services are available, including a limited product receptacle at the Main Library and an annual Drop-Off Day event.

SATELLITE CITY HAZARDOUS WASTE SERVICES

Main Library

Established in 2010, the main library hosts a limited waste collection receptacle. City residents have a convenient location to dispose of common household items: used batteries, ink/toner cartridges, CD/DVDs, and cell phones.

Since 2010, the main library waste collection service has grown substantially in popularity. To date in FY 16, 4,174 pounds of waste have been collected compared to the 1,828 pounds of waste collected in all of FY 11 (Figure 1.).

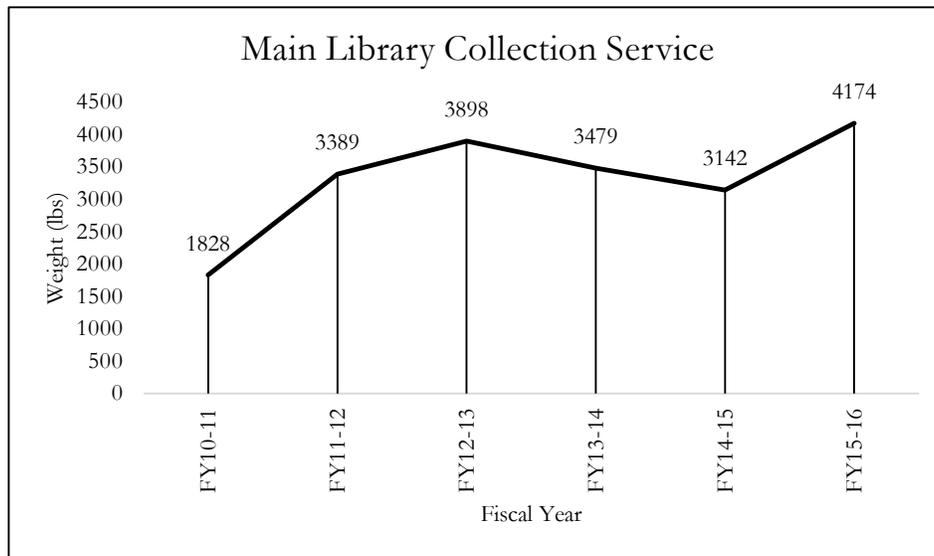


Figure 1

Drop-Off Day

The first annual Drop-Off Day event was held on April 30, 2016. The City partnered with eGreenITsolutions, Citizens Against Substance Abuse (CASA), and Mako Shred, to provide residents with an opportunity to dispose of electronic waste, latex based paints, sensitive documents, and prescription/non-prescription medication.

Approximately 140 customers disposed of electronic waste and latex paint at the 2016 Drop-Off Day event, totaling 4,778 pounds of electronic waste and 235 gallons of latex paint.

ADDITIONAL DROP-OFF SERVICES

As a supplement to City implemented hazardous waste drop-off services, some qualified local retailers have established drop-off programs for limited HHW disposal.

The Home Depot

The Home Depot offers a Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) recycling program for residents in need of a convenient location to dispose of CFLs. CFLs contain mercury vapor which is toxic to humans if released in the environment and therefore CFLs must be disposed of safely. Residents may bring their CFLs to any Home Depot location free of charge.

Best Buy

The Best Buy electronics and appliances recycling program provides residents with a convenient location to dispose of electronic waste, as well as ink/toner, and rechargeable batteries free of charge. This program is intended for residential use only and restricts households to a three item per day limit. Home pick-ups are available for an additional fee.

Conclusion

Although alternative hazardous waste drop-off locations are limited, they have proven to be invaluable to those who are unable to dispose of their hazardous waste at the HPC. Staff will continue to create cost-neutral opportunities to ensure hazardous waste is properly disposed of in the Flagstaff community.