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Butte County Announces Free Portable Fuel Container Exchange

News Release

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The **Butte County Public Works Department,** in cooperation with the American Suzuki Motor Cooperation and the California Air Resources Board (CARB), is sponsoring a free Portable Fuel Container Exchange for the residents of Butte County. Residents can bring in their old portable fuel containers for a CARB approved fuel container. 2 gallon and 5 gallon containers are available and will be exchanged for similar sized older containers.

This exchange will be held while supplies last. Containers can be exchanged at:

- The Butte Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 1101 Marauder St, Chico, Fridays 9 am to1pm and Saturdays 9am to 4pm. (Starts Fri. 2/22)
- Recology Butte Colusa Counties, Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 2720 South 5th Avenue, Oroville, 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month from 9am to 2 pm. (Starts Fri. 3/1)
- Northern Recycling and Waste Services Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 920 American Way, Paradise, CA. Alternating Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. (Starts Sat. 2/23)

Background

The Portable Fuel Container (PFC) regulations are an important concept in the efforts to improve California's air quality. PFC's, also known as gas cans, are used to fill a variety of equipment including lawnmowers, vehicles and personal watercraft. The goal of this program is to ensure that spillage and evaporative emissions are minimized or eliminated. Because of their large numbers, PFC's have the potential to create substantial hydrocarbon emissions resulting in ozone-forming smog and health related problems. As of July 1, 2007, all PFCs sold in California must be certified by the Air Resources Board as meeting low-emission standards and regulatory requirements.