



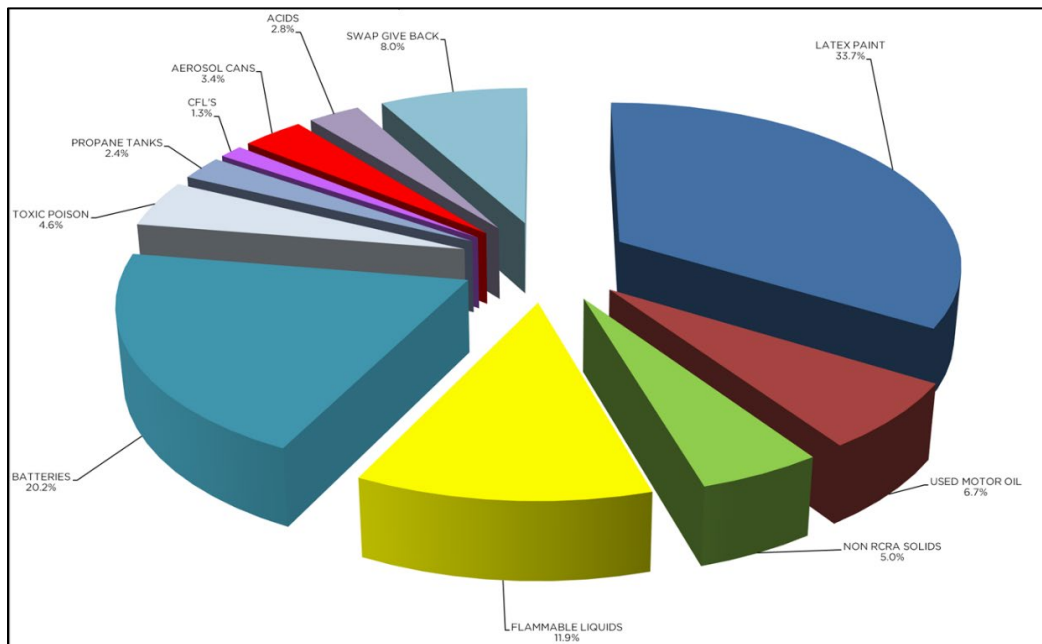
Zero Waste Day – July 2021

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Tempe’s Municipal Utilities Department hosted the 41st Zero Waste Day on July 24, 2021. This event provided residents a means by which to donate usable items to local organizations for reuse, recycle items not accepted in the recycling container and properly dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW).

Although the rain during the morning of the event resulted in fewer participants compared to average, the amount of material per participant remained consistent at approximately 100 pounds, for a total of approximately 30,000 pounds of material collected.

In addition to keeping material out of the landfill, Zero Waste Days are an essential component of Tempe’s Stormwater Management Program by facilitating the collection and recycling or proper disposal of HHW, thereby preventing them from entering the stormwater conveyance system. At the July event, approximately 7,200 pounds (24 percent) of all material collected was HHW.



July 2021 Zero Waste Day – HHW collected by type

The collected HHW that cannot be reused is disposed of in accordance with local, state and/or federal regulations. Usable items are processed, packaged and made available to residents free of charge at the Swap Shop, located in the Household Products Collection Center (HPCC). Making partially used or new items such as cleaning supplies, lawn and garden supplies and automotive products available to residents eliminates the need for disposal.

Latex paint is the most common HHW material collected at Zero Waste Day. The City reuses the paint collected, processes it and repackages it as the signature “Tempe Tan” latex paint. Each resident attending a Zero Waste Day event is offered up to 25 gallons of Tempe Tan paint at no charge. Residents can also acquire this paint at no charge from the HPCC during normal operating hours, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The HPCC is closed on Zero Waste Days.



The next Zero Waste Day event is scheduled for November 20, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Tempe Fire Training Center, located at 1340 E. University Drive. For more information on the November event, including a list of items that will be accepted, please visit tempe.gov/zerowaste.

