Solano County aims to have hazardous waste reduction by promoting reusable propane cylinders

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Residents in Solano County have long relied on one-pound propane gas cylinders for their outdoor grills, heaters, and lighting needs. However, a new initiative is offering them a chance to save money while also being environmentally conscious.

Starting Saturday between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Solano County residents can acquire a free reusable one-pound propane cylinder by visiting Pedrotti Ace Hardware and pledging to discontinue the use of single-use cylinders. Each household is eligible for one free reusable cylinder, subject to availability.

Solano County Integrated Waste Management Principal Planner, Narcisa Untal, expressed optimism about the impact of such an event.

"Events like this one will help our residents make the switch from single-use to refillable propane cylinders," said Untal. "And that could make a world of difference to our future waste stream."

Californians collectively consume an estimated four million single-use cylinders annually. Eighty percent of the cost of a single-use one-pound propane cylinder goes toward its packaging. Reusable cylinders can be refilled over 100 times and have a lifespan exceeding 10 years. Once purchased, customers can refill the cylinders when empty or exchange them for a filled one at designated locations.

The cities and county of Solano are championing the Refuel Your Fun and Save! Campaign, promoting the adoption of reusable one-pound propane cylinders over single-use ones. The campaign also aims to educate the public about the prop collection and recycling of these cylinders.

For further details about the campaign, recycling procedures for empty cylinders, and a list of additional retailers offering reusable options, residents can visit www.refuelyourfun.org.