

Residents contribute to successful summer Zero Waste Day event

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Tempe and Guadalupe residents set a record for participation for a summer Zero Waste Day event with 521 residents dropping off materials for reuse, recycling, repurposing, donation and proper disposal.

With the help of several local partners, July's event brought in 41,326 pounds of material, which is almost 79 pounds per vehicle.

Items dropped off included of 10,110 pounds of household hazardous waste, 9,825 pounds of paper for shredding, 8,099 pounds of electronic waste and 4,460 pounds of trash.



A total of 422 pounds (0.21 tons) of aerosol cans, consisting primarily of paint cans and bug sprays, were collected.



Cleaning supplies, such as acids, toxic liquids / solids, flammable liquids / solids and non-hazardous waste materials totaled 970 pounds (0.49 tons) of materials collected.

Tempe presents Zero Waste Day events four times a year, helping residents with an easy way to clear out unwanted items that can be recycled, repurposed or disposed of properly.

The next event is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 4 at the Tempe Fire Training Center, 1340 E. University Drive. For information on the next event, including a list of items that will be accepted, visit tempe.gov/ZeroWaste.