Yurok Biologist ID's Lamprey Subspecies
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YTEP shares info on household waste

Household hazardous waste can be disposed of at several local locations

Submitted by the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program

YTEP is concerned about safe Household Hazardous Waste disposal! The Yurok Tribe has received grant funding from the State of California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to provide public outreach to Yurok Tribal members about Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). The goal of this grant is to increase the proper disposal of HHW and therefore increase safe and responsible management of HHW. Many common household products are hazardous. If these products are handled or disposed of incorrectly, they can pose a threat to human health, animals and the environment. When these products are discarded, they become "household hazardous waste." In California, it is illegal to dispose of HHW in the trash, down the drain, or by abandonment. HHW needs to be disposed of through an HHW Program.

Many common products that we use in our daily lives contain potentially hazardous ingredients and it requires special care to dispose of these items. Chemicals in illegally or improperly disposed hazardous waste can be released into the environment and contaminate our air, water, and possibly the food we eat.

Regulations to protect public health and the environment have been changing. This is because we now know that some common items that have traditionally been thrown in your household's trash cannot be safely disposed in landfills (i.e. fluorescent lamps and tubes, batteries, computers and television monitors, mercury containing items, household and landscape chemicals, paints and solvents, used oil, and various other specified items). Some of these common items are referred to as hazardous waste, such as paint, electronic devices (e-waste), and motor oil. Other HHW items are in a subcategory called "universal waste" (e.g., batteries, fluorescent lamps, and mercury-containing thermostats). All universal waste items were banned from the trash as of February 9, 2006.

HHW drop off locations for Yurok Reservation community members are:

1. Humboldt Waste Management Authority http://www.hwma.net/facilities/hazardous-waste-facility There is a fee for HHW disposal. 1059 W Hawthorne St, Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 441-2005 Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm By Appointment Saturday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm First Saturday of the Month Sunday: Closed

2. Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority http://www.recycledelnorte.ca.gov/hazardous-waste/ 1700 State St, Off Elk Valley Rd, Crescent City, CA 95531 (707) 465-1100 Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Important Participation Requirements:
1. Assess how much waste you have
2. Limit waste to 15 gallons or 55 pounds per appointment
3. Make an appointment
4. Stay in your vehicle and turn off your engine at all times during the appointment

*Resident participation requirements are due to the Program's storage capacity limits, state regulations, and for your safety.

Stanford Will Clinic
The Yurok Legal Access Center and Office of Tribal Attorney are co-sponsoring a two-day wills clinic with Stanford Law Students. Complete your estate planning for free! When & Where: Sunday, March 24th 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Worthington Eureka (3401 Erie St, Eureka, CA 95501). Monday March 25th 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM in Klamath at the Yurok Justice Center (230 Klamath Blvd., Klamath, CA 95548).

Call Alanna Nulph at (760) 482-1350 ext. 1427 to make an appointment. See the checklist below for information about what to bring.

Estate Planning Checklist
What assets are you going to include in your will:
- House (have deeds, addresses, or parcel numbers available for appointment)
- Car (make, model, year)
- Business
- Other properties
- Interest in other property
- Regular other cultural items

It can be helpful to take pictures of these items and label the picture with who you want the item to go to.

Choose an executor (person who makes sure what’s written in your will happens):
- An executor should be someone you trust to carry out your wishes after you pass.
- An executor must be over 18 and not convicted of crimes like forgery, embezzlement or theft.
- You should also consider naming a backup executor incase the original named one cannot carry out the duties.

Who will inherit your property? It is helpful to have full legal names and addresses of all parties:
- Spouse
- Children
- Grandchildren
- Friends or family

Choose a guardian of minor children:
- A will is where you want to plan for the worst-case scenario and name someone you trust to look after your children.

1 CA is a community property state, and a spouse will generally have rights to half of the items acquired during the marriage unless there is a written agreement otherwise. Please consult and attorney if this is a concern.