In 2002, the California Integrated Waste Management Board awarded a $698,667 grant to the applicant City of Palmdale and co-applicant City of Lancaster to establish the AVECC to enhance the level of service to residents. The grant funded the engineering, design and construction costs of the Center. Since the award of the grant, the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale have requested the County’s assistance in developing and operating the Center. As a result, the County, cities of Lancaster and Palmdale and Waste Management, Inc. entered into an agreement for the financing, construction and operation of the Center. The Center will further enhance the level of service provided to Antelope Valley residents by providing the most efficient collection of household hazardous waste and electronic waste.

Thank you for making a difference by recycling and creating a safer environment in which to live.
The AVECC accepts ONLY household-generated hazardous wastes, which typically include:

- Cleaners
- Polishes
- Automotive Oil
- Automotive Filters
- Paints and Thinners
- Solvents
- Adhesives
- Aerosols
- Automotive Batteries
- Pool Chemicals
- Pesticides
- Oils
- Acids
- Caustics
- General Hobby Supplies
- Sharps
- Common Batteries – AA, AAA, C cells, D cells and button batteries (e.g. hearing aid and watch batteries).
- Fluorescent Tubes, Bulbs and Other Mercury-Containing Lamps – fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, high intensity discharge (HID), metal halide, sodium and neon bulbs.
- Thermostats – there is mercury inside the sealed glass “tilt switch” of the old style thermostats (not the newer electronic kind).
- Electronic Devices – televisions and computer monitors, computers, printers, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, radios and microwave ovens.
- Electrical Switches and Relays – mercury switches can be found in some chest freezers, pre-1972 washing machines, sump pumps, electric space heaters, clothes irons, silent light switches, automobile hood and trunk lights and ABS brakes.
- Pilot Light Sensors – mercury-containing switches are found in some gas appliances such as stoves, ovens, dryers, water heaters, furnaces and space heaters.
- Mercury Gauges – some gauges, such as barometers, manometers, blood pressure and vacuum gauges contain mercury.
- Mercury Added Novelties – examples include greeting cards that play music when opened; athletic shoes (made before 1997) with flashing lights in soles; and mercury maze games.
- Mercury Thermometers
- Non-Empty Aerosol Cans That Contain Hazardous Materials – aerosol cans labeled with words like TOXIC or FLAMMABLE.

These wastes will fall into the general hazard categories of flammables, poisons, corrosives, acids, caustics, combustibles and oxidizers.

All unidentified household toxics are identified by an individual trained and knowledgeable in chemical characteristics and incompatibles prior to being packaged for safe storage and transported for disposal.

AVECC does NOT accept:

- Radioactive Materials
- Regulated Biomedical Waste
- PCBs
- Explosives (including ammunition)

BUSINESS WASTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Tire Recycling

Call a local tire store for drop-off locations.

For more information regarding tire disposal, visit www.888CleanLA.com

Antelope Valley Recycling & Disposal Facility and Lancaster Landfill & Recycling Center will accept tires for a nominal disposal fee.

Sharps Disposal Medical Waste

The Sharps Disposal by Mail System is for individuals who use needles or syringes in their home. Waste Management is partnered with Sharps Compliance Corporation to offer customers proper disposal for needles and syringes. To order this special service or for more information, visit www.wastemd.com or call 877-WASTE MD (877-927-8363).