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### **SLO County Creek Day a HUGE Success**



**Over 700** SLO County residents participated in Creek Day 2008 to pick up trash and debris at seven locations throughout the County. This very successful event resulted in the removal of **over 100 cubic yards of garbage and nearly 60 cubic yards of recyclables** from local creeks and rivers. This significant reduction in waste will minimize the impact to our oceans and beaches when the winter rains begin, and will ensure that they are cleaner for both the betterment of the environment, as well as the health of local residents and visitors.

As occurs every year, some unusual items were found throughout the County. Items of particular interest include:

- Multiple mattresses;
- A medical container with over 100 used needles
- A tire from the 1940s;
- A metal sink and pump
- Shopping carts;
- Refrigerators;
- A back yard swing, and
- Rolls of chicken wire.

The plethora of trash collected by volunteers serves as a good reminder to local residents and visitors that our creeks and rivers are not the appropriate repository for waste. Garbage, recyclables and hazardous waste all have appropriate disposal sites throughout the County. Please contact your local jurisdiction to find locations of these facilities.

Those who were unable to make it to a local cleanup site this year, can look forward to helping making Creek Day 2009 even more of a success. For more information about this year's event and to keep informed about upcoming Creek Day cleanups, please visit [www.creekday.org](http://www.creekday.org).