

HRMC ANNOUNCES ANNUAL HHW COLLECTION EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019

PROTECT YOUR HOME AND THE ENVIRONMENT: PROPER HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) DISPOSAL

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) announces their annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event for residents of the ten HRMC member communities of: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington.

Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Westhampton Highway Department

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED (from October 1- 20)

Protect your home and our environment by properly disposing of old or unwanted household chemicals. Products containing lead, petroleum products, pesticides, herbicides, and acids should NOT be poured on the ground, down the drain, or placed in household trash. The HRMC Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program accepts a wide range of unwanted household products with labels that indicate that special handling is required. Examples of common warnings include "caustic, toxic, corrosive, poison, flammable, warning, danger, caution and keep out of reach of children and pets." NO LATEX PAINT will be taken at this event - Latex paint should be solidified and disposed of in your trash.

The program is free to HRMC member-Town residents however, Pre-Registration is required. Please email your name, street and mailing address (including Town and Zip Code), and phone number to hrmc@hrmc-ma.org. Or you may phone HRMC with the above information including an email address at 413-685-5498. HRMC will confirm your registration and send a confirmation letter to bring with you to the event. Note that Huntington residents are asked to provide their transfer station sticker number at the time of registration.

Common Household Hazardous Waste

<u>FROM YOUR YARD</u>	<u>FROM YOUR GARAGE</u>	<u>FROM YOUR WORKSHOP</u>	<u>FROM YOUR HOME</u>
Flea powder	Antifreeze	Aerosol cans (paint/haz.)	Arts & crafts supplies
Fungicides	Asphalt sealer	Degreasers	Chemistry kits
Herbicides	Automobile batteries	Lead & oil-based paints <i>(No latex paint)</i>	Drain cleaners
Insect sprays	Brake fluid	Paint thinners	Furniture polish
Lighter fluid	Carburetor cleaner	Photo chemicals	Metal polish
Muriatic acid	Creosote sealer	Roofing tar	Mothballs
No-Pest strips	Engine degreaser	Rust inhibitors	Oven cleaners
Pesticides	Gas treatments	Sealants	Spot remover
Pool chemicals	Gasoline	Solvents	Toilet cleaners
Rodent killers	Kerosene	Stains	Upholstery cleaner
Root killers	Radiator flusher	Varnish	
	Solvents	Wood preservatives	
	Transmission fluid	Wood strippers	
	Used motor oil		

Safe Home—Healthy Home



We are exposed to harmful chemicals in many ways—including products we use to clean our homes or maintain our gardens. **Only a small portion of the more than 80,000 chemicals registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have been thoroughly tested for human health concerns.** Many common chemicals found in our homes can have immediate toxic effects on adults, children, and pets if not used properly. Others may have long-term health effects after repeated exposure. Particles from detergents, cosmetics, pesticides, and other chemicals are found in the dust in our homes, potentially contributing to asthma. Never place any empty plastic container that held hazardous waste into the recycling bin.

We can make our homes safer by changing our purchasing habits, adopting some minor changes to the way we clean our homes or care for our lawns and gardens, and through proper storage, use, and disposal of household chemicals. When considering a chemical product, ask yourself if something else you already have will do the job. There are a wide variety of nontoxic or low-toxic products available. Common household items such as baking soda, vinegar, and plant-based soaps and detergents can often clean just as well as specialty cleaners.



A Few Safer Alternatives for Household Hazardous Products

- **Aerosols:** Use non-aerosols such as cooking oil instead of sprays; roll-on, cream or stick deodorants; hair setting lotions, gels and pump sprays; and pump spray cleaners
- **All purpose Cleaner:** Mix 1 quart warm water, 1 tsp. liquid soap, lemon juice or vinegar (strength depending on the extent of the job)
- **Window Cleaner:** mix ½ cup white vinegar in 1 gallon of warm water
- **Floor Cleaner:** Mop with 1 cup white vinegar with 2 gallons water; polish with club soda
- **Moth Balls:** replace with cedar chips or lavender flowers, rosemary, mint or cloves
- **Metal Polish:** Worcestershire sauce for Brass; Apple Cider vinegar or baking soda for Chrome; vinegar and salt or lemon and salt for Copper; Stainless steel: wash with 1 quart warm water and 3 Tbsp. baking soda; rinse with hot water
- **Insecticides:** Blend 6 cloves crushed garlic, 1 minced onion, 1 Tbsp. dried hot pepper, and 1 tsp. liquid soap in 1 gallon of hot water; let sit 1-2 days; strain; spray on plants
- **Drain Opener:** Use a plunger or mechanical snake; use enzymatic biological drain cleaner; to prevent clogging, use a strainer to keep hair, lint, etc. out of the drain; use a handful of baking soda and ½ cup of vinegar followed by boiling water.
- **Furniture Polish:** Wipe with a mixture of 1 tsp. of lemon oil in 1 pint of mineral oil
- **Disinfectant:** Use 1 cup borax in 1 gallon of water
- **Hair Colors:** Use plant derived rinses

For additional recycling information visit the “What To Do With” link on the HRMC website at: www.hrmc-ma.org or call (413) 685-5498.



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