



MEMORANDUM

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TWO COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS IN APRIL

Chester County municipalities are hosting TWO (2) Household Hazardous Waste Collection events for Chester County residents: **Saturday, April 4 at CAT Pickering**, Center for Arts and Technology Campus, (Technical College High School), 1580 Charlestown Road in Phoenixville, and **Saturday, April 18 at the Octorara High School** parking lot, 226 Highland Road in Atglen. The collection sites will be open at 9:00 AM and will close at 3:00 PM sharp.

NO ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS, TVs OR APPLIANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO ITEMS CONTAINING FREON WILL BE ACCEPTED. Additional unacceptable materials include, but are not limited to: latex paint, used motor oil, tires, asbestos, explosives, propane, Helium or gas cylinders, household alkaline batteries, PCB's, large drums, ammunition, and waste that is medical, infectious, radioactive, commercial, industrial or unidentified.

No more than 220 pounds or 25 gallons of hazardous product per household will be accepted. Common acceptable products include oil paint, aerosols, pesticides, swimming pool chemicals, gasoline, rechargeable batteries, flammables, and fluorescent bulbs.

Residents are cautioned not to mix substances, and to package them securely in a box or crate. Please take your boxes and reusable containers back home.

Last year, more than 200,000 pounds of materials were safely collected at Chester County's events. To help reduce costs, residents can:

- Purchase the smallest quantity you will need to avoid leftovers.

- Substitute less toxic ingredients for some pesticides and cleaning products.
- Choose the least toxic product.

LATEX PAINT IS NOT HAZARDOUS WASTE! Residents should not bring latex paint to Household Hazardous Waste Collection events. Solidify latex paint by either air drying small quantities or pouring the paint into a plastic trash bag with sawdust, clay-based kitty litter or rags and placing the bag and the open can in the trash after the paint is solidified. Paint hardener may also be purchased at hardware stores. Only oil based paint is accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste collections.

Interested residents can visit www.chestercountyswa.org for more information about source reduction, recycling and disposal options. Residents may also call their municipality or the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-273-3771 x228 for information on how to properly handle unacceptable materials and for the other regional collection events scheduled throughout the year.

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