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SAFELY DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AT ST. CHARLES COUNTY'S RECYCLE WORKS CENTRAL

St. Charles County Invites Residents to Recycle Toxic Materials from May 3 to Sept. 30

St. Charles County, Missouri – Warmer temperatures and sunnier days trigger many spring cleaning chores. However, yard improvement projects can produce leftover pesticides and tidying the basement or garage can uncover unused cans of paint or chemicals that cannot be easily thrown away. The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment's Division of Environmental Health and Protection offers a solution for the proper disposal of these toxic materials in a safe and convenient manner.

From May 3 through Sept. 30, St. Charles County residents may safely dispose of household hazardous waste that typically is not collected by curbside recycling programs. Residents may bring unwanted items like chemicals, automobile fluids, pesticides, and oil-based paints to the Recycle Works Central location (60 Triad South Dr. in St. Charles) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and the last Saturday of each month, with no appointment necessary. There is a nominal \$10 fee for loads up to 50 pounds, with additional fees for larger sized collections. For a list of the materials accepted at the facility, please call (636) 949-1800 or visit <http://www.scchealth.org/docs/es/docs/recycle/rwc.html> — please note that latex paints are no longer accepted. This service is open to St. Charles County residents only, and proof of residency may be required.

To ensure safety, please follow these precautions in bringing hazardous waste to Recycle Works Central:

- 1) Make certain that the waste is properly packed and do not mix with other materials.
- 2) Wherever possible, leave materials in their original containers. Items that are not in their original packaging should be clearly labeled with their contents. Mixed waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.
- 3) Be sure the lid is securely attached.
- 4) Place the material inside a box that is lined with newspaper (filling gaps with additional crumpled newspaper will help prevent spills during transport to the facility)
- 5) Place the filled box in the trunk of your vehicle while transporting to Recycle Works Central.
- 6) Upon arrival at the facility, please remain in your vehicle until assisted.

The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment is committed to the protection and enhancement of health and the quality of life for all members of our community. For information on programs offered and to discover ways the Department assists our community, please visit www.scchealth.org or call 636-949-7400.

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