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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION ENDS SEPT. 30

Program Allows St. Charles County Residents to Properly, Safely Recycle Toxic Materials

St. Charles County, Missouri—The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment’s household hazardous waste collection event will end for the year on Sept. 30. The popular program offered by the Division of Environmental Health and Protection provides an opportunity to properly dispose of toxic materials such as oil-based paints, antifreeze, fertilizers, and pool chemicals in a safe and convenient manner. This service is open to St. Charles County residents only, and proof of residency may be required.

Recyclers may bring these items that typically are not accepted through curbside programs to the Recycle Works Central location (60 Triad South Dr. in St. Charles) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, with no appointment necessary. In addition, an end-of-the-season collection will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 24. 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.

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 is not mixed 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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