



Press Release

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Chemicals, Pesticides and Paints, Oh My! Get Rid of It at the RecycleSmart Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event – June 22, 2017

Grand Traverse County, MI (June 2, 2017) -- Many common products used in and around the home contain ingredients that, when handled and disposed improperly, can cause harm to humans and the environment. These items, called household hazardous waste (HHW), will be accepted for safe disposal through the Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart program.

The next HHW drop-off event is scheduled for Thursday June 22, 2017 from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

County residents are encouraged to use this opportunity to get rid of outdated or unwanted household chemicals, pesticides, solvents, paints, etc.

Appointments are required for all of the household hazardous waste collection events and can be made by using the online scheduling system at www.RecycleSmart.info or by calling the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555. The HHW drop-off location will be provided upon appointment confirmation. Staff at the event offer convenient drive-thru disposal of items so residents won't have to leave their vehicles.

Grand Traverse County residents may dispose of 150 pounds of hazardous materials at no charge. A \$1.30/pound fee will be charged for quantities greater than 150 pounds.

Handle household hazardous waste products with care! Keep products in original containers and don't mix products together. Keep containers tightly sealed, packed in a box in an upright, stable position. Transport HHW in the bed of a pick up or car trunk whenever possible.

Items accepted at the HHW collection events include: oil-based paint, latex paint, solvents, automotive fluids, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and more.

Small businesses, organizations and schools may qualify to dispose of hazardous waste at the Grand Traverse County HHW events. Please call the RecycleSmart hotline at 231-941-5555 to register and make an appointment as a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG).

For more information, visit www.RecycleSmart.info or call the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555.

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