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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION COMES TO EXETER – October 16, 2021

[Exeter, NH, 9/9/21]—If the fall weather has you cleaning out your garage in preparation for winter snow, you'll likely come across unwanted items that cannot be safely disposed of in the trash. Don't let them sit on your shelf for another year. Instead, bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection on Saturday, October 16 from 8:00AM-1:00PM at the Exeter Public Works Garage, 13 Newfields Road. Residents of Exeter, Stratham, Newfields, East Kingston, Epping, Seabrook, and South Hampton are welcome to attend. There is a \$15 user fee per household, which covers up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of waste. Pre-registration is required at <https://publicinput.com/Exeter2021HHW> and participants can select a 30 minute drop off window to help reduce traffic congestion.

A variety of common household products are accepted at the event, including oil-based paints and finishes, solvents and thinners, fluorescent bulbs, LED bulbs, household batteries (except alkaline), lead paint, automotive products, antifreeze, gasoline, kerosene, camping fuel, cleaning solutions, pesticides, fertilizers, adhesives, photo chemicals, pool chemicals, aerosols, and mercury containing devices. Please leave all materials in their original containers and secure them tightly. Never mix chemicals together. Leaking or broken containers must be placed inside another container.

Latex paint is not accepted at the HHW event. However, it can be safely disposed of in regular household trash once it is dried out. You can either let the paint air dry by removing the lid or mix it with an absorbent material such as kitty litter, newspaper, or sawdust. Other items not accepted include electronics, fire extinguishers, ionizing smoke detectors, radioactive compounds, propane tanks, compressed gas cylinders, explosive or shock sensitive materials, medications, needles, and medical waste.

When hazardous waste is improperly disposed of — in the trash, on the ground, down the sink, or into a storm drain — it poses a threat to water quality, human health, and wildlife. Household toxins may also injure humans and animals if they are exposed to these chemicals due to careless storage and handling. Do your part to keep your family and our planet safe by properly disposing of your household hazardous waste on October 16.

For more information, please contact the Rockingham Planning Commission at 603-778-0885 or visit www.therpc.org



