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Kenosha County Household Hazardous Waste Program 2023 Collection Event is May 20

Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kerkman today is announcing this year's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, which will be held on May 20.

"This FREE Kenosha County Household Hazardous Waste Program provides a great opportunity for Kenosha County residents to dispose of their household hazardous waste in an environmentally friendly way," Kerkman said.

E-waste (electronic waste) and refrigerant waste (items containing freon) will be accepted. Also, lead acid batteries, which include vehicle and power tool batteries, will again be accepted this year.

Everyone who lives in Kenosha County – the city, towns and villages – can dispose of their household hazardous waste, e-waste and refrigerant waste by bringing their waste items to the Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th Street, Bristol, on Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the only countywide household hazardous waste collection date scheduled for this year.

Due to long lines and wait times in the past, City of Kenosha residents are encouraged to use the City's hazardous waste and e-waste disposal programs. For more information, please visit the City of Kenosha's website at www.kenosha.org/departments/water-utility/household-hazardous-waste-program. Measures have been taken to reduce wait times at this year's County event.

Household hazardous waste items include: household cleaners, aerosol cans, bug sprays, vehicle maintenance related fluids, oil-based paints, paint removal products, fluorescent bulbs, pool chemicals and garden/outdoor related products.

Accepted e-waste items include: computers, laptops, fax machines, keyboards, mice, stereos, scanners, iPods, TVs, VCRs, DVD, CD and MP3 players, printers, phones, copiers, power tools, toner cartridges and electronic toys. All e-waste items will be accepted free of charge.

Refrigerant waste items include: refrigerators, water coolers, freezers, air conditioners, water heaters, dehumidifiers, microwaves and other household appliances.

The following items will <u>not</u> be accepted: latex paint, tires, infectious or biological waste, propane cylinders, explosives, radioactive waste, medical and pharmaceutical waste and commercial or business waste.

Latex paint is not considered to be a hazardous material. It may be disposed of with regular garbage by putting kitty litter in a box, spreading the paint over the litter and allowing it to dry. If latex paint cans are empty or the paint is completely dry in the can, it may also be disposed of with regular garbage.

For more information regarding the Household Hazardous Waste, E-waste and Refrigerant Waste Collection Event, please visit Kenosha County's website at www.kenoshacounty.org or contact the Extension Kenosha County Office at 262-857-1945.