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Kenosha County Household Hazardous Waste Program 2024 Collection Event is June 1

This year's Kenosha County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held Saturday, June 1, Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kerkman announced today.

"This program is an excellent opportunity for Kenosha County residents to dispose of various household items in an environmentally way, at no cost to the public," 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 items to the Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th St., Bristol, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 1. This is the only countywide household hazardous waste collection date scheduled for this year.

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, 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 Collection Event, please visit Kenosha County's website at https://www.kenoshacounty.org/710/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Collection or contact the Office of the County Executive at 262-653-2600.

(Note: The City of Kenosha and the Village of Pleasant Prairie also offer household hazardous waste collection opportunities for their residents at various times throughout the year; more details are on the city website at waste_collection.)

Diaper Drive to coincide with Hazardous Waste event:

Waste Management and 1HOPE are again partnering to offer a diaper drive to benefit foster families in the community as part of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.

People are encouraged to bring donations of unopened packages of disposable diapers and wipes.

The diapers and wipes will benefit 1HOPE's Foster Family Support Network, which assists foster families with their day-to-day needs through a team of compassionate volunteers.

More information about 1HOPE is available at https://www.1hope.community.

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