

HRMC ANNOUNCES ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: OCT 1-16, 2022

CREATE A SAFE HOME: PROPERLY DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) announces their annual HHW Collection Event for residents of the ten HRMC member communities of: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Westhampton Highway Department.

The program is free to HRMC member-Town residents however, Reservations and Pre-Registration is required. Pre-registration runs from October 1-16, 2022. Please email your name, street and mailing address (including Town and Zip Code), and phone number to [hrcm@hrcm-ma.org](mailto:hrmc@hrcm-ma.org). Or you may phone HRMC with the above information including an email address at 413-685-5498. HRMC will confirm your registration by email and send an attached confirmation letter to bring with you to the event.

Protect your home and our environment by properly disposing of old or unwanted household chemicals. Products containing lead, petroleum products, pesticides, herbicides, and acids should NOT be poured on the ground, down the drain, or placed in household trash. The HRMC HHW collection program accepts a wide range of unwanted household products with labels that indicate that special handling is required. Examples of common warnings include "caustic, toxic, corrosive, poison, flammable, warning, danger, caution and keep out of reach of children and pets."

HRMC offers these suggestions to reduce the need to dispose of household hazardous wastes:

- Use the least hazardous products available: many products have less toxic or non-toxic alternatives. If you must purchase a hazardous product, buy only the amount that you can use up.
- Read labels: make sure that the product will do what you want it to before you buy it. Once purchased, follow instructions for safe use, ventilation and storage.
- Don't use more of a product than the directions say to use: using an excessive amount of a product only results in greater danger to you and the environment, not in a better job.
- Give leftover hazardous products to someone who can use them: friends, neighbors, community groups, or charities may be able to put your leftovers to good use.
- Avoid aerosols: much of the product may end up in the air rather than doing your job.

Make your home a safer home by changing your purchasing habits, and adopting some minor changes to the way you clean your home or care for lawns and gardens.

For more information on recycling, visit the "What to do With" link at www.hrcm-ma.org