



# *News Release*

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### *County Executive Steinhaus Announces 2009 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Days*

*Poughkeepsie...* Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus has announced the 2009 schedule for Dutchess County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal Days.

"Spring is finally here and as residents get started on their spring cleaning projects, we want to remind them to properly dispose of the hazardous materials they may find under the cupboards or in the back of their garage," said County Executive Steinhaus. "Bringing unwanted materials to one of our Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Days is an easy, responsible step to ensure they do not wind up damaging our environment."

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal Day events, facilitated by the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency, provide a safe and responsible opportunity for residents to clear out unwanted items from their homes such as pool chemicals, oil or lead based paints, brake fluid, chemical fertilizers, electronics equipment, compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFL) and more.

Collection events will be held at the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency (DCRRA) at 96 Sand Dock Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie on April 18<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and November 7<sup>th</sup>. There will also be collections at the Pawling Fire Department on June 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Amenia Transfer Station on August 1<sup>st</sup> and at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Millbrook on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Every year, household hazardous wastes are improperly emptied into trash cans and end up in landfills or backyard burn barrels, or may be dumped onto backyard soil or into small streams. Household hazardous wastes also enter the environment from places such as kitchen sinks,

backyards, sewers, and landfills. *Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Days* offer residents a chance to help keep Dutchess County a cleaner, greener place to live.

Two of the most popular components of the program are the electronic waste and compact fluorescent light bulb collection. Compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFL) contain small amounts of mercury and other potentially toxic heavy metals and should never be thrown in the garbage. The HHWDD events offer residents a way to safely dispose of these bulbs. Disposal of electronic items such as computer monitors and printers has also increased dramatically in recent years.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Days are open to all Dutchess County residents. **Pre-registration is required** and there is a \$5 fee. Events begin at 7:30am. The events are partially funded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Call the DCRRA at (845) 463-6020 or visit <http://www.dcrra.org/> to pre-register and schedule an appointment.

*See below for a complete list of accepted materials.*

## Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency's 2009 Household Waste Disposal Days

### *Materials that WILL be accepted:*

Product containers marked with words: "**Warning**", "**Hazardous**", "**Flammable**", "**Poisonous**", or "**Corrosive**"

Photo chemicals, non latex driveway sealer, pool chemicals, creosote, kerosene, flammable liquids, metal polish, turpentine, stains, varnishes, strippers, thinners, gasoline/oil mixture, brake fluid, auto fluids, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, chemical fertilizers, adhesives, resins, solvents, oil & lead based paints (**no latex!**), mercury containing devices, button cell batteries for watches & hearing aids, lithium & sealed lead acid batteries, compact fluorescent lights and fluorescent tubes, small and large non-Freon appliances (such as humidifiers, toasters, irons, electric heaters, and microwaves.)

### **Electronic Equipment Collection**

Computer Monitors, Central Processing Units (CPU's), Modems, CRT's, Terminals, Laptops, Keyboards, Mouses, Fax Machines, Printers, Scanners, Copiers, Typewriters, TV's, VCR's, DVD Players, CD Players, Tape Players, Radios, Stereo Equipment, Cables, Answering Machines, Telephones & Video Game Systems.

Bins will also be available *at the DCRRA location only* to dispose of junk mail, white paper, magazines, newspaper and commingled bottles & cans. There is no fee charged and no registration needed for these bins.

### *Materials that will NOT be accepted:*

Ammunition or explosives, asbestos products, latex driveway sealer & latex paint, motor oil, car batteries, antifreeze, broken glass, building or construction debris, tires, furniture, medical waste/medicines, propane or other flammable gas cylinders, radioactive materials, scrap metal, metal drums or empty containers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners.