

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Q: Why don't you accept latex or water-based paint?

A: Latex (water based) paint is **not hazardous or toxic**. The vendor who collects Household Hazardous Waste doesn't accept it. They do accept oil-based paint, paint thinner, stain, shellac and varnish.

Q: How do I dispose of latex or water-based paint?

A: The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation suggests the following disposal methods - Dry unwanted latex paint outdoors, away from children and animals by lining a box with a garbage bag and pouring paint in the bag and letting it air dry. Another option is to add cheap, clay kitty litter to the paint until it is a solid, then dispose of in your household trash. Recycle paint cans when possible.

Q: Can I bring electronic items such as TVs, printers or computers to Household Hazardous Waste Events?

A: No – electronic waste isn't accepted at household hazardous waste events. However, Orange County Transfer Station #1 and #2 accept electronic equipment for recycling **from residents** 6 days a week. TVs cost \$10 each, regardless of size or type. Computers, monitors and other computer peripherals, small scale servers, printers, scanners, fax machines, stereos and stereo equipment, cables and power adaptors, video game consoles, cable boxes, VCRs, DVRs, DVD players, digital media players, digital storage devices, laptops, tablets, e-readers, and smart phones & cell phones are all accepted for free.

**Businesses, Schools & Municipalities** need to send us a C7 form (provided by us) and an inventory of what they are disposing of. Our Recycling Coordinator, Ermin Siljkovic, will schedule a date for drop off. Call Ermin at (845) 291-3246.

Q: Can I dispose of Compact Fluorescent tubes or bulbs at household hazardous waste events?

A: Yes, CFL **Tubes** are accepted at HHW events. You can recycle CFL bulbs (not tubes) at Home Depot and Lowes.

Q: What if I have paint that is in a container so old I can't read the label?

A: Bring old cans with no label to household hazardous waste events. If the contents of the can has solidified, you can mix it in with your household trash.

Q: Do you accept propane gas tanks at household hazardous waste events?

A: Small propane tanks are accepted at HHW events, not gas grill sized tanks. We accept gas grill propane tanks at all Orange County transfer stations during regular operating hours. BBQ size propane tanks must be empty and the charge is \$2 per tank.

Q: Do you accept tires at HHW events?

A: No - tires are not accepted. We accept automotive liquids such as anti-freeze, transmission fluid, motor oil, and brake fluid. We also accept gas, gas/oil combinations and kerosene. Tires are accepted at all Orange County transfer stations during regular operating hours. The fee is based on tire size and if it is on or off the rim.

Q: HHW Events are two days – Friday and Saturday. If I can't make the Saturday event for residents, can I drop my HHW at the Transfer Station or the Friday HHW event?

A: **No** – Friday and Saturday events are two separate events. Saturday events are free and are for residents of Orange County. **Friday events are ONLY** for pre-registered businesses, municipalities, farms, schools and government agencies and incur a fee. We are **not** allowed to accept HHW from residents during Friday events. Also, our Transfer Stations do not have a Permit from the DEC to accept household hazardous waste so by law we can't accept it. Please come to one of the four HHW events Orange County holds per year for residents to dispose of your household hazardous waste responsibly and free.

Q: Why do I have to show proof of Orange County residency to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste event?

A: Household hazardous waste events are free to **residents of Orange County** because the County pays the vendor for the cost of all resident's disposal. Other counties have their own household hazardous waste programs for their residents. In addition, businesses, municipalities, farms, schools and government agencies that attend the Friday HHW event are charged for HHW disposal by the vendor.

Q: If I am participating in the Operation Safe Scripts prescription and over the counter medicine collection at a HHW event, do I need to leave the medicines in their original prescription bottle?

A: No – you can put the medications in a zip lock bag and the Orange County Sheriff's Office will make sure they are disposed of. Please remember: No medical sharps are accepted at HHW events. Medical Sharps can be brought to area hospitals for disposal. Please call your local hospital for information.

Q: What do you accept at HHW events?

A: Adhesives, Aerosol Cans, Automotive Liquids, Rechargeable batteries, Flammable Liquids (oil, gas, kerosene and/or mixtures), Corrosives/Cleaners, Creosote, Pool Chemicals, Fluorescent Light Tubes, Inks, Mercury, **Oil-Based Paints Only**, Pesticides/Herbicides, Roofing Tar, Rubber Cement, Solvents/Thinners, Varnishes/Shellac/Stains, Wood Preservatives, Car Batteries, Used Motor Oil and Antifreeze.

**More questions? Call (845) 291-3246**