

Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

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What do you do with household hazardous wastes in your home when it is necessary to dispose of them? Your waste hauler does not want hazardous waste mixed in with your household trash nor does he want any liquids for that matter. Therefore, you may have begun to wonder what is the proper way to dispose of this material. If so, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program is for you.

The intent of the program is to provide an environmentally responsible way to dispose of hazardous materials and to provide residents with information on how to produce less hazardous waste in the future. For example: when purchasing products that may be hazardous, only buy enough material for the intended purpose, or be sure, as a DIY auto mechanic, that you regularly take your used motor oil to auto service centers that are willing to accept it.

The collection program consists of at least twenty-five collection days scheduled throughout southeastern Pennsylvania of which five are scheduled in Bucks County. At the five collection events being held in Bucks County, old Computer Systems and any size TV's are also being accepted from residents.

The dates in Bucks County are:

April 20, 2013

Truman High School-Bristol School District
3001 Green Lane, Bristol Township

June 10, 2013

Upper Bucks County Area Vo-Tech School
3115 Ridge Road - Bedminster Township

July 27, 2013

Central Bucks School District –South High School Campus
1100 Folly Road – Warrington Township

August 24, 2013

Bucks County Technical High School
610 Wistar Road - Bristol Township

September 14, 2013

Quakertown Area Community High School
600 Park Avenue - Quakertown Borough

Residents may bring up to 25 gallons or 225 pounds of material to the collection event. Acceptable materials include, in part: Pesticides - Chlordane, DDT, Malathion, and Sevin; Toxics - photographic chemicals, mercury, pool chemicals, weed killers, paint remover; Flammables - kerosene, gasoline, oil-based paints, paint thinner; Caustics - household lye, ammonia-based products, oven cleaner; Lead-acid batteries, household batteries (rechargeable, lithium or button-type only).

Do not bring: LATEX PAINT, appliances, biological waste, explosives, radioactive waste, or tires.

Guidelines for safely transporting household hazardous waste to the collection sites include:

- Place all materials securely in a box, to prevent spilling.
- Keep all products in their original containers with labels intact.
- Keep all caps and lids on tight.
- Wrap leaking containers in newspaper and place in a plastic container for transport.
- Do not mix materials.
- Do not leave loaded vehicle in a hot unventilated area for prolonged periods.
- Do not smoke near the chemicals.

The program is for residents only; no material will be accepted from businesses, industry or institutions.

There will also be an *electronics only* event in September to help residents dispose of electronic items that a new Pennsylvania law, the Covered Devices Recycling Act, has banned from normal disposal.

September 28, 2013 ONLY ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Lower Makefield Corporate Center - South

770 Township Line Road - 2/10 mile south of Stony Hill Road

Lower Makefield Township

This is a regional program as the counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia are working together to make the program more convenient to the residents in southeastern Pennsylvania. As a result, the residents of Bucks County are welcome to take their household hazardous waste or electronics to one of the neighboring county collection events if that date or location is more convenient. The dates and information phone numbers will be distributed when it becomes available. Please verify the details of the Non-Bucks events; some may be only taking paints or only taking TVs. **All collections are held on Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise, rain or shine.**