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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held in Champaign-Urbana

URBANA, IL, July 13, 2012 – The Illinois EPA will conduct a one-day household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event in Champaign-Urbana on Saturday, September 29, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The HHW event will be held at The News-Gazette Distribution Center on Apollo Drive in Champaign. Traffic will enter the event at the intersection of North Market Street and East Olympian Drive in Champaign. The HHW collection event is free and is open to the public. The event will be held rain or shine.

The following household items will be accepted at the September 29 event:

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| Oil-based paint | Household batteries |
| Paint thinner | Used motor oil |
| Herbicides | Drain cleaners |
| Insecticides | Lawn chemicals |
| Pesticides | Solvents |
| Old gasoline | Antifreeze |
| Pool chemicals | Hobby chemicals |
| Cleaning products | Aerosol paint |
| Mercury-containing devices | Fluorescent lamp bulbs |
| Double-bagged & wetted asbestos | Old medicines and pharmaceuticals |
| Propane tanks* | Lead acid batteries* |

Source: Illinois EPA

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/hhwc-acceptable.html>

*Propane tanks collected by Hick's Gas, Urbana, and lead acid batteries collected by Interstate Batteries, Champaign.

Latex-based paint will not be accepted at the collection event. Contact your local municipality for proper disposal or recycling options, or visit the Illinois EPA at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/used-paint-disposal-alternatives.html> for recommendations on how to use remaining latex-based

paint. Recommendations include: Using paint for touch-up projects or to paint something else; give paint to someone that can use it; ways to properly store paint for future use, and ways to properly dispose of paint.

Urbana Recycling Coordinator, Courtney Rushforth, says, "I am very happy that our community was selected for a household hazardous waste collection event this year. There has not been a hazardous waste collection event in the Champaign-Urbana area since 2006, and a large response is anticipated. Residents are encouraged to carpool and combine loads, use alternative modes of transportation, and be prepared for wait times."

The event is sponsored by the Illinois EPA. Co-sponsors include City of Urbana, City of Champaign, Village of Savoy, Champaign County, Champaign County Probation and Court Services, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Prairie Rivers Network, Sierra Club Prairie Group and MTD. The News-Gazette will host the event. Hick's Gas and Interstate Batteries are local onsite vendors, and will be present to collect propane tanks and lead acid batteries respectively.

For more information about this event contact your local government recycling coordinator or visit www.ccrpc.org

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