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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAY IS SATURDAY

CHICAGO, IL --- Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago encourage residents of all 59 municipalities of the Southwest Conference of Mayors and the South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association (*list attached*) to participate this Saturday, October 27th for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day to be held at the Public Works Facility in Oak Forest. The Facility is located at 15722 Lorel Avenue in Oak Forest. Participants should enter the collection site on the north side of 159th Street.

Trained technicians will be on-site to collect a variety of common waste products; including: anti-freeze, auto batteries, drain cleaners, fluorescent bulbs, fungicides, furniture strippers, household cleaners, insecticides, medicines, metal polishes, paint removers, oil-based paints, pool chemicals, solvents, used oils, and weed killers. All regular household waste will be disposed in a safe and proper manner.

Auto batteries, fire extinguishers, and propane tanks will be accepted, however, these must be empty of all contents, fully contained and the contents clearly marked.

Prohibited and not accepted are: cellular telephones, eyeglasses, business waste, latex paints, medical waste, smoke detectors, tires, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, and agricultural waste.

Rain barrels, a water saving device, will also be available for \$40.00 purchase at the site.

The Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day program is sponsored by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Southwest Conference of Mayors, and the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. Additional information is available from the MWRDGC at 312/751-6633 or its website, www.mwrdd.org.

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