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RECYCLE WORKS HELPS RESIDENTS DISPOSE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO — The average home stores nearly 100 pounds of hazardous materials, including cleaning supplies, paints, lawn care products and pesticides. Improper disposal of these products — pouring down a drain, tossing in unacceptable trash receptacles, emptying into storm sewers or dumping on the ground — poses a health risk to our community.

St. Charles County residents may safely dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) through the County's Recycle Works locations. Residents may bring unwanted items like chemicals, automobile fluids, pesticides and oil-based paints (*please note that latex paints are not accepted*) to the Recycle Works Central (60 Triad South in St. Charles) or Recycle Works West (2110 East Pitman in Wentzville) locations. Collection hours run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays, and on the last Saturday of the month, with no appointment necessary. There is a \$15 fee (cash or check only) for loads up to 50 pounds. For larger loads, the fee is the base \$15, plus an additional \$1 for each pound of material above 50. If you have questions, please call 636-949-1800 or visit www.sccmo.org/RecycleWorks.

To ensure safety, please follow these precautions when loading and transporting HHW for collection:

- 1) When possible, leave the material in its original container. Any item not in original packaging should be labeled clearly with a description of the content.
- 2) Secure the lid tightly. Do not mix waste with other materials. ***Recycle Works locations will not accept mixed waste in plastic bags or other containers.***
- 3) Place secured container inside a box lined with newspapers. Fill any gaps with additional newspaper to help prevent spilling or tipping during transport.
- 4) Place the box in the trunk of your vehicle and transport it to the closest Recycle Works location.
- 5) Upon arrival at the facility, follow posted instructions and remain inside your vehicle until assisted.

In addition to the HHW collection, and to complement municipal curbside recycling programs, Recycle Works Central and Recycle Works West accept recyclable materials from residents throughout the year. The facilities collect aluminum, electronic devices, cardboard and paper products, printer cartridges, and more.

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About St. Charles County's Division of Environmental Health and Protection

Throughout the year, the Division of Environmental Health and Protection works with residents, area businesses and local organizations to promote healthy conditions in St. Charles County. The division inspects and licenses public service providers, operates a robust recycling program and implements the county's mosquito control measures. To learn how the division helps to ensure the community's well-being please call 636-949-1800 or visit www.sccmo.org/environmental.