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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS MAY 1 FOR ST. CHARLES COUNTY RESIDENTS

St. Charles County, Missouri – From cleaning supplies and paints to lawn and automobile care products, the average home stores almost 100 pounds of potentially harmful threats to public health and the environment. Should St. Charles County residents uncover any of these toxic materials during spring cleaning, the Division of Environmental Health and Protection can help dispose of them in a safe and convenient manner.

From May 1 through Sept. 30 this year, St. Charles County residents may safely dispose of Household Hazardous Waste that typically is not collected by curbside recycling programs. 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 location (60 Triad South Drive in St. Charles) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays, and the last Saturday of each month, with no appointment necessary. There is a nominal \$10 fee for loads up to 50 pounds. For larger loads, the fee is the base \$10, plus an additional \$1 for each pound of material above 50. For a list of materials accepted at the facility, please visit the Division of Environmental Health and Protection section at <http://health.sccmo.org>, and click on the Green Programs tab, or call (636) 949-1800.

To ensure safety and sanitation, please follow these precautions when transporting hazardous waste for collection at Recycle Works Central:

- 1) Make certain that the waste is packed properly and does not mix with other materials.
- 2) Whenever possible, leave materials in their original containers. Items that are not in their original packaging should be labeled clearly with their contents. Mixed waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.
- 3) Make certain to attach lids securely.
- 4) Place materials inside a box lined with newspaper. Additionally, filling gaps between containers with crumpled newspaper will help prevent spilling during transport.
- 5) Place the filled box in the trunk of your vehicle while transporting to Recycle Works Central.
- 6) Upon arrival at the facility, please remain inside your vehicle until assisted.

The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment is committed to the protection and enhancement of health and the quality of life for all members of our community. Through three divisions — Public Health, Environmental Health and Protection, and Humane Services — the department coordinates with federal, state, and local organizations to provide a range of services that have a profound impact on the lives of St. Charles County's residents and visitors. To discover ways the department assists this region or to learn about volunteer opportunities with any of the divisions, please visit <http://health.sccmo.org> or call (636) 949-7400.

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