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SAFELY DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AT ST. CHARLES COUNTY'S RECYCLE WORKS CENTRAL

St. Charles County Invites Residents to Recycle Toxic Materials from April 17 to Nov. 24

St. Charles County, Missouri – Home cleaning chores can unveil many leftover items that can negatively impact our community, if not handled correctly. The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment's Division of Environmental Health and Protection offers a solution for the proper disposal of these toxic materials (like pesticides, paints and chemicals) in a safe and convenient manner.

From April 17 through Nov. 24, 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 (latex paints are not accepted) to the Recycle Works Central location (60 Triad South Dr. 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, with additional fees for larger sized collections. For a list of the materials accepted at the facility, please call (636) 949-1800 or visit <http://www.scchealth.org/docs/es/docs/recycle/rwc.html>. This service is open to St. Charles County residents only, and proof of residency may be required.

To kick off the Household Hazardous Waste collection season and to recognize Earth Day (April 22), free tree saplings will be given to all residents that safely dispose of their goods from April 17-22. All trees will be native Missouri varieties, with a species available including: Norway Spruce, Black Walnut, Pecan, Red Bud, Shellbark Hickory, Willow Oak, Pin Oak, Flowering Dogwood, Persimmon, Paw Paw, Blackberry, Wild Plum and Red Mulberry.

To ensure safety, please follow these precautions in bringing hazardous waste to Recycle Works Central:

- 1) Make certain that the waste is properly packed and do not mix with other materials.
- 2) Wherever possible, leave materials in their original containers. Items that are not in their original packaging should be clearly labeled with their contents. Mixed waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.
- 3) Be sure the lid is securely attached.
- 4) Place the material inside a box that is lined with newspaper (filling gaps with additional crumpled newspaper will help prevent spills during transport to the facility)
- 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 in your vehicle until assisted.