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Stratford to Hold Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Stratford, Conn. - Mayor John A. Harkins today announced that the Town's "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day" will be held on Saturday November 4, 2017 from 8am to1 pm at Stratford's Public Works Yard - 550 Patterson Avenue.

Stratford's "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day" is free of charge to Stratford residents. A valid Stratford driver's license or proof of Stratford residency must be presented at the entrance prior to off-loading materials.

"Stratford is one of a limited number of communities in Connecticut to offer this service," said Mayor John A. Harkins. "It is critical that our residents have a safe and easy way to dispose of their household hazardous waste."

According to Conservation Administrator Christina Senft-Batoh, many chemicals commonly used in homes or workshops can be very dangerous if disposed of improperly. If certain materials are poured down the drain or placed in the trash, reactions may occur releasing dangerous fumes that can corrode plumbing and even cause an explosion.

Stratford residents will be able to safely dispose of hazardous products including old pesticides, cleaning products, weed killers, old gasoline, antifreeze, oil base/lead paint, etc. Many products can be identified as hazardous by reading the label precautions. Look for the words: ***Poison, Toxic, Corrosive, Volatile, Flammable, Caution, Danger or Warning.***

Outdated gas grill propane tanks will also be collected.

WATER-BASED LATEX paint will not be accepted. Latex paint is not hazardous and DRIED paint containers can be put into weekly garbage collection.

In addition to water-based latex paint, the following items will NOT be accepted:

- Commercial or Industrial Wastes
- Infectious or Biological Wastes
- Radioactive Waste, Smoke Detectors
- Prescription Medicines/Syringes
- E-Waste (Computers, fluorescent Light bulbs)
- Explosive Items (Gun powder, ammunition)

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