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The Crawford County Area Solid Waste Agency/Commission is sponsoring a Free Household Hazardous Waste day for residents wishing to dispose of household hazardous waste from their homes. Hazardous materials are used in day-to-day life without event giving it a second thought. The event will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Secondary Road Maintenance Shop at 1123 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. South in Denison.

The Household Hazardous Waste Day is free to any household in Crawford County and no appointments are necessary. Residents attending the event will be served on a “first come, first serve” basis. Businesses and schools are not allowed to participate in this event

What kinds of materials are accepted at these events? According to Chuck Ettleman, Secretary for the Commission, “Residents need to look at the product label for the word’s toxic, corrosive, flammable or keep out of reach of children. These materials are considered hazardous waste and don’t belong in your regular trash”. Examples of such materials which will be accepted at the event include:

- stains, varnishes, and paint removers,
- rechargeable, lithium, and hearing aid batteries;
- lawn and garden chemicals, pool chemicals, and household cleaners,
- oil based paint, compact fluorescent bulbs, and fluorescent tubes,
- needles and syringes (put in rigid laundry detergent containers with lids tightly secured with tape);
- used motor oil, gasoline, and antifreeze along with other hazardous wastes.

Ettleman reminds residents that latex paint will not be accepted at the event. “Residents can take care of latex paint by opening the lid, stirring in a bulking material such as kitty litter or oil dry, and putting the can in the sun to dry. When the paint is no longer a running liquid, the cans can be thrown away with your regular household garbage. Other items which will not be accepted include ammunition, explosives, asbestos, radioactive materials, and non-hazardous waste. Residents bringing any of the unacceptable materials listed above will be informed about proper disposal options.

If you have any questions, please call the scale house at the Crawford County Solid Waste Transfer Station 263-8454.

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