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RE: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DAY

The Carroll County Solid Waste Management Commission and Des Moines Area Community College are sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Day for Carroll County residents wishing to dispose of household hazardous materials from their homes. The event will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at DMACC – Carroll campus located at 906 N. Grant Road.

The Hazardous Waste Materials Day is free to any household in Carroll County and no appointments are necessary. Residents attending the event will be served on a “first come, first serve” basis. Residents should leave the hazardous materials in their original containers and put their materials in the truck of their car or the box of their pickup.

Residents all have these materials in their garages, basements, and under their sinks. According to Mary Wittry, Director for the Commission, “Residents need to look at the product label for the words toxic, corrosive, flammable or keep out of reach of children. If the label contains one of these words, the product is hazardous and should be brought to the event.” Examples of materials which will be accepted at the event include stain, varnish, paint remover, rechargeable and button batteries, lap top batteries, pesticides and fertilizers, oven cleaner, oil based paint, compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), pool chemicals and others. Wittry reminds residents that it is illegal to put hazardous materials in with regular household trash.

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 oil filters, 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.

Business, school, and farm waste can be accepted for a charge with attendees encouraged to call and learn more about proper disposal procedures prior to the event.

Residents having any questions may call the Recycling Center and Landfill office at 792.5001 or go to www.westcentralsolidwaste.com

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