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The Shelby County Area Solid Waste Agency is sponsoring their annual Free Cleanup Crew Event for residents wishing to dispose of household hazardous waste from their homes. The event will be held on Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Shelby County Secondary Roads Department on Industrial Parkway in Harlan.

The Cleanup Crew event is free to any household in Shelby County and no appointments are necessary. Residents attending the event will be served on a “first come, first serve” basis. Leave all products in their original containers and place in trunk for safe delivery.

What kinds of materials are accepted at these events? Hazardous waste can be found in the garage, shop area, basement and under your sinks. According to Brandon Burmeister, Director for the Agency, “to identify a hazardous product, check the label for words such as toxic, corrosive, flammable or “keep out of reach of children. These materials are considered hazardous waste and DON’T BELONG in your regular trash. Properly disposing of these items benefits everyone – including the environment”. Examples of such materials which will be accepted at the event include stain, varnish, paint remover, rechargeable and button batteries, lawn and garden chemicals, oven cleaner, oil based paint and others.

Burmeister 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 Engineer’s office at 755-5954.

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