

# Our homes generate much hazardous waste

**T**HE U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made grant money available within a five-state region to increase public awareness of dangers connected with the disposal of certain types of household waste.

The money will fund household hazardous waste collection days in counties within the region. Both Wayne and Oakland counties are planning collection days for late summer or early fall. The program encourages householders to bring wastes such as left-over paint, half-used pesticides and other harmful or potentially hazardous substances to a designated collection site for safe disposal.

"The EPA money is intended to make government officials and the public aware that households generate plenty of toxic wastes," said Bruce Davis, assistant director of the environmental health division of the Wayne County health department.

SUCH WASTES pose a threat to the environment and humans if they are

not managed, treated, stored or disposed of properly, he said.

"Our county-wide collection days could be a one-time shot unless communities take-up the funding," said Davis. "A lot depends on public awareness."

Across the nation, communities are just becoming aware that hazardous waste generation is more than an industrial and commercial problem. The fact is, each householder may be polluting his/her drinking water supplies by the careless disposal of household chemicals.

"Most people, when asked, are unaware that they generate hazardous waste," said Nancy Stone, a coordinator with the Ann Arbor Ecology Center, a non-profit consumer-education agency. "Then I ask: 'Do you use toilet bowl cleaner, drain cleaners, paint thinners, pesticides or even shoe polish?'"

STONE and her co-workers at the Ecology Center have helped organize two household waste collection days in Washtenaw County. Two years ago the center started working within the community to alert residents to the notion



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that households are virtual "chemical factories."

The center estimates that each year a city the size of Ann Arbor uses more than 13 tons of disinfectants, eight tons of drain cleaners and 51 tons of toilet bowl cleaners.

An Ecology Center report indicates households within Washtenaw County, including Ann Arbor, were the fourth largest generators of hazardous wastes in the country. Only three industrial operations — Ford Motor Co.'s Saline plant, General Motors' Willow Run

plant and GM Hydra-Matic division's Ypsilanti plant — generated more dangerous wastes.

STUDIES AT Michigan State University's Center for Environmental Toxicology suggest that up to half of the purchased household chemicals are never used up.

The chemicals are kept on shelves, and sometimes after many years they're tossed out. The normal disposal route — home drains, storm drains and garbage dumps — ultimately transport

the substances to surface and ground-water supplies.

Coordinators of the Washtenaw collection program found that at least some citizens (18 persons this week) were willing to conscientiously dispose of their dangerous wastes in a safe manner. The hope is that similar programs scheduled in Oakland and Wayne County will generate even more

public awareness of the problem of household wastes and the alternatives available for safe disposal.

Residents wishing to safely dispose of dangerous wastes can contact Wayne Disposal at 697-7830. The facility located near Willow Run airport will take small quantities of household toxic substances free.

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