

Admiring stairs: A graceful staircase is part of the foyer of the house.



View from bathroom: The door leads nowhere because the servants' quarters have been knocked off the outside of the house.



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Moving experience: The Kirby White House on Farmington Road just north of 11 Mile Road is being prepared for a move — a mile south to 10 Mile and Farmington Road.

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In fact, the Elliotts had worked on other houses that had been moved. But they could not have afforded it without help from the church.

The church is chipping in \$15,500, which it would have had to pay someone to demolish the structure. That money will cover the move. The rest is up to Elliott.

"We're looking at a monster," he said of the house. "And it was just a summer cottage for the people who owned it."

The "cottage" has 22 rooms, including five large bedrooms, six bathrooms, four fire places and a large attic.

Today the rooms are piled high with oak flooring, fire place facades, original bricks and other materials that Elliott

will incorporate into the restoration.

"This house is in amazing condition," he said. "These floors only need sanding." Original oak floors; built-in, handcrafted cabinets with drawers the slide perfectly; leaded front windows; an oak-banistered circular stairway, steel beams; and conduit for wiring are all included in the Federalist style house that was ahead of its time.

Elliott said he already knows exactly what the house will look like and what improvements it will take to complete it.

"It will be at least a year to a year and a half before we'll be able to move in," he said.

Elliott said he had to appear before several boards and get authorization from police and

utility companies for the move.

Large steel beams will be placed under the first floor of the structure and it will be taken south on Farmington Road. The move should take the better part of a day, said Elliott, adding that if weather permits, the move will be on Tuesday, April 27.

"It's going to be a lot of work," he said. "But the church, historical commission, everybody has been fantastic."

And once the move is over, the real work will begin for Elliott and his wife. Other than some plaster work and boiler work, Elliott will be doing it all. "It's more sweat equity than anything," he said as he smiled and leaned against a wall. "At some point, maybe we'll give some tours."

Special household hazardous waste dropoff set for May 1.

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Farmington and Farmington Hills residents who dread spring cleaning may be relieved to know that they can get rid of household hazardous wastes Saturday, May 1.

Farmington Hills recycling coordinator Karen Birkholz said the collection will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 47th District Court parking lot at 32975 W-10 Mile. Residents should drive to the site via Raphael Street from Shiloh Road, she said.

"The response has been pretty good in the last few years, despite some bad weather," Birkholz said.

Cleaners, solvents, turpentine, aerosol cans, pesticides, herbicides, gasoline mixtures, glues, wood stain, and antifreeze are among the items that will be accepted.

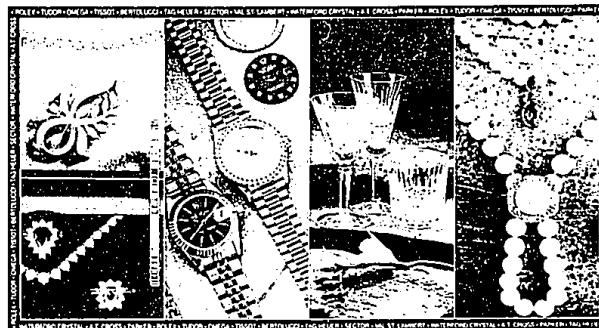
Later and water-based paints will not be accepted, because they can be disposed of at home by residents (see related story), saving the cost of treating

them as hazardous waste, she said.

"In the past, we've asked people not to bring in latex paint, but we've accepted it," she said. "But this year we can't accept it."

Most hazardous waste products will be accepted, but there are exceptions. Single containers are limited to five gallons of liquid or 40 pounds of solid waste. Latex or water-based paint, compressed gas cylinders, radioactive material (including some smoke detectors), explosives, shock-sensitive compounds, and medical waste are not accepted. Unacceptable items will be repacked, labeled and returned. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources can be contacted for disposal of those items.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is a cooperative effort between Farmington and Farmington Hills, Waste Management, and Chemical Waste Management. It is a part of a solid waste management program to protect the environment and promote recycling.



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How to dispose of latex paint

The ideal way to dispose of old latex paint is to use it.

You can use it as a base coat or donate it to a school, drama club or neighbor.

If the paint can't be used, it can go out with the trash provided:
■ There is only an inch or two in the can and it is dry. It should be dried away from children and pets. Cat litter, plaster of paris or charcoal can be used and it should be placed in cans with the rubbish.

The paint should not be dumped down storm drains or sewer drains. A small amount of latex paint can safely be washed away to a septic system or waste water treatment plant, but the practice should be limited to brush cleaning and cleanup.

■ Once collected, the directories will be shredded and made into animal bedding to be used by farmers. The phone books are not sold for profit. Old phone books should not be put in recycling bins.

Recycling telephone books

During the month of May, businesses and residents can help the environment by recycling their outdated telephone directories at the Farmington Hills Face Membership Warehouse on the corner of Grand River and Haggerty.

The store is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Once collected, the directories will be shredded and made into animal bedding to be used by farmers. The phone books are not sold for profit.

Old phone books should not be put in recycling bins. They are

not made of the same material as old newspapers.

For further information, call Karen Birkholz at 473-9503.

Packing hazardous wastes

For packing hazardous wastes:

■ properly label each container.

■ For solid materials, place each container in its own clean plastic bag and close it tightly.

■ For liquid materials, make sure the cap is secure. If the cap is not secure, or is missing, transfer the contents to a secure container and label properly.

■ If the container is leaking, put the contents in a nonleaking container and label.

For transporting hazardous waste:

■ Place container in a box with a sturdy bottom.

■ If containers are made of glass, put paper between them.

■ Put the box of hazardous waste on the floor or in the trunk of the car.