

# Farmington pitches in to rid hazardous waste May 11

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Farmington-area residents can properly dispose of dangerous household products at the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the 47th District Court on 10 Mile Road in Farmington.

Participants are asked to enter the District Court, 32795 W. 10 Mile Road, from northbound Raphael Street, which runs between Shiawassee and 10 Mile.

Technicians from Waste Man-

agement and Chemical Waste Management will unload hazardous materials from the cars.

Household products such as cleaners, solvents, turpentine, aerosol cans, pesticides, herbicides, gasoline mixtures, glues and antifreeze will be accepted.

Farmington Hills offers tips for packing and transporting household hazardous material:

- Make sure each container is properly labeled.
- For solid materials, place each container in its own plastic bag

and close it tightly.

■ For liquid materials, make sure the cap is secure. If the cap is missing, transfer the contents to a secure container and label properly.

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

■ Place containers in a box with a sturdy bottom.

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

No latex or water-based paint will be accepted. Also not accept-

ed: compressed gas cylinders, radioactive material (including some smoke detectors), explosives, shock-sensitive compounds and medical waste.

If an item is unacceptable, it will be repackaged, labeled and returned. The owner can contact the Department of Environmental Quality for disposal information.

Farmington Hills offers the following advice on how to dispose of paint:

The best way to dispose of latex paint is to use it. If the paint

can't be used, it can be disposed of with the regular refuse provided a few simple procedures are followed.

With only an inch or two of paint left in the can, allow the paint to dry. Find a safe area away from children, pets and rain, and with an adequate air flow. Remove the lid and allow the paint to dry. The process can be speeded up by mixing an equal amount of absorbent material such as cat litter, sand or plaster of paris.

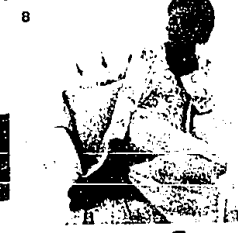
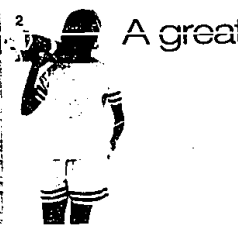
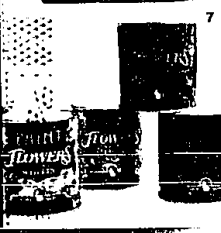
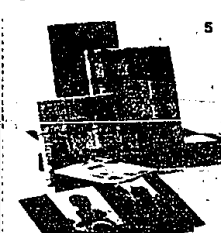
Allow the mixture to dry. Then place the cans in the rubbish with the lids off so the hauler can see the hardened paint.

Paint should never be dumped on the ground or down storm or sewer drains. Small amounts of paint can be safely washed down the sink, but this should be limited to brush cleaning and general clean up.

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