



# News Release

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**Re: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

(New Hanover County)— New Hanover County residents should mark their calendars for the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, to be held Saturday, October 25. Most hazardous items stored under the kitchen sink, closets, attics, garages and outdoor sheds will be collected between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, in the parking lot of the New Hanover County Government Center, 230 Government Center Drive (between South College and Eastwood Roads). This is a rain or shine event. Business waste is prohibited. Please note, tires will not be accepted.

The following hazardous wastes will be accepted:

- Auto batteries
- Cleaners/solvents
- Florescent light tubes
- Ink jet cartridges
- Motor oils
- Paints
- Herbicides
- Rechargeable household batteries
- Cell phones
- TVs/computers
- Fuels
- Mercury
- Antifreeze
- Paint thinners
- Pesticides

The following items will not be accepted:

- Ammunition
- Smoke detectors
- Industrial materials
- Tires
- Household trash
- Asbestos
- Furniture
- Propane gas cylinders
- Medications

Improper disposal of household hazardous waste is harmful to our health and natural resources. Household hazardous waste that is disposed of improperly can pollute our streams,

rivers, drinking water and groundwater. Additionally, this waste can interfere with treatment processes at the landfill and wastewater treatment plants.

Many materials can be taken to the New Hanover County Landfill year-round, free of charge. Car batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, appliances and tires are accepted Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm and on Saturdays from 8:0 am until 11:45 pm. The landfill is located at 5210 Highway 421 North. Paint is accepted Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm at WASTECC, 3002 Highway 421 North. Call 798-4400 or visit the New Hanover County website, [www.nhcgov.com](http://www.nhcgov.com).

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is sponsored by the New Hanover County Department of Environmental Management, New Hanover County Cooperative Extension, Keep America Beautiful of New Hanover County, UNC-Wilmington and the city of Wilmington.

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