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**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Coming August 19**

**Leonardtown, MD** – The time to clean out barns, basements, sheds, garages, storage areas under kitchen sinks, etc. to properly discard of potentially toxic/dangerous materials is coming on Saturday, August 19.

The St. Andrew's Landfill will host its Hazardous Waste Collection day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Hazardous waste items which will be accepted for collection include Acids, Ammonia, Bleach, Cleaners, Fuels, Gas/Oil Mixtures, Gasoline, Household and Lawn Pesticides, Mercury Thermometers, Photography Chemicals, Pool Chemicals, Solvents, Wood Preservatives, Paint Thinners, and Alkyd (oil-based) Paint. Since Latex Paint is not considered hazardous, it can be disposed with your regular trash collection as long as the mixture is hardened by adding absorbents (cat litter, sand, sawdust, or paint drying crystals) prior to disposal. If, however you are unable to do so, Latex Paint will also be accepted.

Items which will not be accepted include Ammunition, Asbestos, Explosive Materials, Medical Waste, Pharmaceuticals, Radioactive Materials, and Picric Acid.

Last year's event collected just over 40 tons of materials. Citizens can help us collect even more and dispose of it through safe, environmentally responsible practices.

For more information contact the St. Mary's Department of Public Works and Transportation at 301-475-4200 or log on to the department's website at <http://www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/Household.asp>

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