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**Residents Asked to Remove Portable Basketball Hoops**

**Leonardtown, MD** – As the outdoor season winds down, the St. Mary's County Department of Public Works and Transportation reminds residents to remove portable basketball hoops from public roadways.

Portable basketball hoops are similar to portable street hockey nets, skateboard ramps and other similar sports equipment placed within the right-of-way in residential neighborhoods.

When complaints are received, the county evaluates whether the encroachment on the public right-of-way constitutes a danger to public safety. Hazards to vehicle or pedestrian traffic, obstructions to the free passage of school buses, mail deliveries, street sweeping, refuse collection equipment, snow plows or storm water drainage and obstructions to sight distance objects which represent an inconvenience to others should be removed immediately. An example of an inconvenience to others would be where a portable basketball hoop blocks another person's driveway or sidewalk accessible path.

Portable basketball hoops not removed from the right-of-way by the property owner within thirty (30) days of official notification by the county will be picked up and held at the St. Mary's County Highways Maintenance Facility (located at 44829 St. Andrews Church Road, California, MD). The hoops will be stored for up to 30 days and may be claimed by the owner during this time. At the end 30 days, hoop(s) not claimed by the property owner (who may be responsible for any costs incurred), will be discarded.

Residents with questions or concerns should contact the Department of Public Works and Transportation at 301-475-4200, ext. \*3540.

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