

St. Charles County's Recycle Works Central Accepts Household Hazardous Waste April - Oct.

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St. Charles County, Missouri – With the return of warmer weather and fresh air, spring presents the perfect time for cleaning garages, basements and backyard toolsheds. However, these home-cleaning chores can sometimes unveil leftover items that can negatively impact our environment, if not disposed of correctly. St. Charles County's Division of Environmental Health and Protection offers a solution for the proper disposal of these toxic materials in a safe and convenient manner.

From April 23 through Oct. 26, St. Charles County residents may safely dispose of Household Hazardous Waste that typically is not collected by curbside recycling programs. Residents may bring unwanted items like chemicals, automobile fluids, pesticides and oil-based paints — please note that latex paints are not accepted — to the Recycle Works Central location (60 Triad South Dr. in St. Charles) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays, and the last Saturday of each month, with no appointment necessary. There is a nominal \$10 fee for loads up to 50 pounds. (For larger loads, the fee is the base \$10, plus an additional \$1 for each pound of material above 50.) For a list of materials accepted at the facility, please visit the Division of Environmental Health and Protection section at <http://health.sccmo.org/health> or call 636.949.1800.

To kick off the Household Hazardous Waste collection season and to recognize Earth Day, free tree saplings will be given to St. Charles County residents who safely dispose of their materials at Recycle Works Central. The free trees will be distributed beginning April 19 and continue while supplies last. Trees are native Missouri species, including: Eastern White Pine, River Birch, Red Bud, Silver Maple and Tulip Poplar.

To ensure safety and sanitation, please follow these precautions when transporting hazardous waste for collection at Recycle Works Central:

- 1) Make certain that the waste is properly packed and does not mix with other materials.
- 2) Wherever possible, leave materials in their original containers. Items that are not in their original packaging should be clearly labeled with their contents. Mixed waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.
- 3) Make certain that the lid is securely attached.
- 4) Place materials inside a box that is lined with newspaper. Additionally, filling gaps between containers with crumpled newspaper will help prevent spilling during transport.
- 5) Place the filled box in the trunk of your vehicle while transporting to Recycle Works Central.

6) Upon arrival at the facility, please remain inside your vehicle until assisted.

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