

Household Hazardous Materials Disposal and Electronics Recycling Event this Saturday at Dutchess Stadium

Special incentive for disposal of items containing mercury

Poughkeepsie... This Saturday, July 13th, the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency's (DCRRA) Household Hazardous Materials Disposal and Electronics Recycling Day event will be held at Dutchess Stadium on Route 9D in Fishkill from 7:30am to 9:30am, bringing the popular recycling event to the Southern Dutchess area. Offering various locations for the event is part of ongoing efforts to encourage electronic recycling and safe disposal of hazardous materials in all areas of Dutchess County. Additionally, there will be a special gift card incentive for residents who bring household items that contain mercury sponsored by Covanta, LLC. **Pre-registration for the event is required** and there is a \$5 fee. Registration can be done online at www.dcrra.org or by calling (845) 463-6020.

The *Household Hazardous Materials Disposal and Electronics Recycling* events provide a safe, environmentally conscious way to dispose of materials no longer needed or used. Residents have the opportunity to safely dispose of any product containers marked "warning," "hazardous," "flammable," "poisonous," or "corrosive," as well as responsibly recycle old electronics such as computer monitors, printers or other electronic materials.

As part of all Household Hazardous Materials Disposal events, Covanta, LLC, which operates DCRRA's waste-to-energy facility, sponsors the *Mercury Collection Program*. Anyone who turns a household item that contains mercury, such thermometers or fluorescent light bulbs, will receive a \$5 Home Depot gift card in the mail along with a 'Thank You' letter from Covanta. Mercury can easily be released into the atmosphere as a colorless, odorless vapor and can contaminate water sources and local fish.

"Help us divert hazardous materials from the waste stream. Bring any harmful chemical products and electronics you may have to Dutchess Stadium this Saturday. Do your part to contribute to the prolonged health of everyone in the county and the environment," said Dutchess County Deputy Commissioner of Solid Waste Management Lindsay Carille.

There will be four more collection events in 2013 at a variety of locations throughout the county. The collection events are partially funded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Saturday, August 3 rd	Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency*
Saturday, September 7 th	Cornell Cooperative Extension (Millbrook)
Saturday, October 5 th	Town of Rhinebeck Highway Department
Saturday, November 2 nd	Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency*

**Event will also feature safe medication disposal from 8am to 10am.*

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See below for a complete list of accepted materials.

Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency's 2013 Household Waste Disposal Days

Materials that WILL be accepted:

Product containers marked with words: "**Warning**", "**Hazardous**", "**Flammable**", "**Poisonous**", or "**Corrosive**"
Photo chemicals, non latex driveway sealer, pool chemicals, creosote, kerosene, flammable liquids, metal polish, turpentine, stains, varnishes, strippers, thinners, gasoline/oil mixture, brake fluid, auto fluids, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, chemical fertilizers, adhesives, resins, solvents, oil & lead based paints (**no latex!**), mercury containing devices, button cell batteries for watches & hearing aids, lithium & sealed lead acid batteries, compact fluorescent lights and fluorescent tubes, and small non-Freon appliances (such as humidifiers, toasters, irons, and electric heaters.)

Electronic Equipment Collection

Computer Monitors, Central Processing Units (CPU's), Modems, CRT's, Terminals, Laptops, Keyboards, Mouses, Fax Machines, Printers, Scanners, Copiers, Typewriters, TV's, VCR's, DVD Players, CD Players, Tape Players, Radios, Stereo Equipment, Cables, Answering Machines, Telephones & Video Game Systems.

Bins will also be available **at the DCRRA location only** to dispose of junk mail, white paper, magazines, newspaper and commingled bottles & cans. There is no fee charged and no registration needed for these bins.

Materials that will NOT be accepted:

Ammunition or explosives, asbestos products, latex driveway sealer & latex paint, motor oil, car batteries, antifreeze, broken glass, building or construction debris, tires, furniture, medical waste/medicines, propane or other flammable gas cylinders, radioactive materials, scrap metal, metal drums or empty containers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners.