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NEW RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT IN CATAWBA APRIL 22

NEWTON, NC – Catawba County is celebrating Earth Day by hosting a new one-day residential household hazardous waste collection event Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bandys High School, located at 5040 E. Bandys XRd. in Catawba. The event is open to Catawba County residents only and is free of charge.

Types of residential household hazardous waste accepted at the event include the following:

- Household cleaners such as drain openers, toilet bowl cleaners, oven cleaners, disinfectants, and pine cleaners
- Paint products such as latex and oil-based paints, solvents, thinners, shellacs, varnishes, wood preservatives, and sealers
- Automotive products such as lead-acid batteries, used motor oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, and auto starter fluid
- Pesticides and insecticides such as poisons and aerosols
- Other chemical-based products such as acids, bases, kerosene, household batteries, photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, gas cylinders and mercury thermometers
- Electronics such as computer monitors and intact televisions, laptops, floppy drives, hard drives, ink/toner cartridges, modems, cell phones, answering machines, CD players, tape players, calculators, copiers, duplicators, microwaves, electronic typewriters, pagers, radios, remote controls, scanners, stereos, and VCRs

Plastic bag recycling will also be provided at the event courtesy of Keep Catawba County Beautiful. The first 200 people who bring plastic bags to be recycled will receive a reusable bag.

“Our annual fall collection event in Hickory is extremely popular with residents,” said Amanda Kain, Catawba County’s Recycling and Waste Reduction Coordinator. “We’ve added this second event to help make household hazardous waste recycling more convenient for residents in the southeastern part of the county. We appreciate the efforts of all our residents to help properly dispose of materials that can harm our health and our environment.”

For safety reasons, the event will not accept tires, radioactive waste, biologically active or infectious waste, unknown gases or chemicals, dioxin-related waste, explosives, household garbage, or TVs with internal parts removed. Prescription and over-the-counter medications also will not be accepted at this event; however, they are accepted at the Catawba County Sheriff’s Office and other law enforcement agencies year-round through the Operation Pillstoppers program.

To assist with electronics recycling and disposal, the county contracts with electronics recycling companies who are certified to ensure proper handling and security of the electronic waste collected. All data and data-bearing devices on electronic equipment will be destroyed, but the County cannot guarantee the non-disclosure of any information left on equipment. Additionally, please note that other vendors who may be set up outside the event are not associated with the event or Catawba County.

The one-day event is sponsored by Catawba County Utilities & Engineering and is co-sponsored by Republic Services, Keep Catawba County Beautiful and the NC State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. For more information, please contact Catawba County Utilities and Engineering at (828) 465-8217.

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