

SOUTHWESTERN PA HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE TASK FORCE

ADMINISTERED BY: Pennsylvania Resources Council 64 South 14th Street Pittsburgh, PA 15203 www.swpahhw.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September 17, 2010 CONTACT: George Mihalovich, Task Force Co-Chair <u>georgemihalovich@gmail.com</u> 724-745-5891 www.swpahhw.org

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTION TO TAKE PLACE AT BRADYS RUN PARK IN BEAVER COUNTY ON OCTOBER 2

One-day event provides PA residents the opportunity to safely and cost-effectively dispose of common and potentially hazardous household chemical products such <u>as cleaners, automotive fluids, paints, pesticides and more.</u>

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an average home can easily accumulate 100 pounds of common chemicals referred to as "household hazardous waste." These household products include cleaners, paints, stains and varnishes, car batteries, automotive fluids, pesticides, pool chemicals and other products containing potentially hazardous ingredients.

A Beaver County collection event will take place on Saturday, October 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bradys Run Park Recycling Center.

Participants will pay a fee of \$2 per gallon to dispose of materials.

Payment will be cash only (no checks or credit cards accepted).

The proper disposal of these potentially hazardous household chemicals helps to protect the safety of adults, children, pets and our local water supplies.

<u>Materials Accepted:</u> Aerosol cans; automotive fluids (motor oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, brake fluid); batteries; chemistry sets; compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs); gasoline and kerosene; household cleaners (ammonia, drain openers, acid cleaners, oven cleaners); mercury; paint products (latex, oil based, alkyd based, arts/crafts chemicals, rust preservatives, creosote, water sealers, paint thinners, furniture strippers); pesticides/herbicides (rodent killers, insecticides, weed killers, mothballs, fertilizer); photo chemicals; and pool chemicals.

<u>Materials NOT Accepted:</u> Ammunition; appliances; bulk waste; commercial and industrial waste; compressed gas cylinders (including propane tanks); drugs; electronics; explosives; flares; fluorescent tubes; leaking containers; medical waste (including needles); PCBs and dioxin; radioactive materials (including smoke detectors); and tires.

A certified contractor will process the hazardous wastes collected for proper disposal. Materials may be recycled, incinerated or safely buried in special landfills.

The Beaver County collection is the last of five "household hazardous waste" collections the Southwestern PA Household Hazardous Waste Task Force is sponsoring in 2010. The household chemical collection campaign is sponsored by the Task Force in partnership with UPMC, NewsRadio 1020 KDKA and other private and public sector partners.

For more information concerning the October 2 collection, visit <u>www.swpahhw.org</u> or call the Beaver County Recycling Center at 724-770-2064 or the Pennsylvania Resources Council at 412-488-7452.