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MMWA Announces Expanded Household Special Waste Drop off Schedule

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Area residents will have more opportunities than ever this summer to safely dispose of their troublesome household wastes, including paint, household chemicals and electronics. Mid Michigan Waste Authority's problem waste program has expanded to include 5-6 drop-off days per month.

The program, which is offered to residents of Saginaw County, Bethany Twp, Village of Breckenridge and Wheeler Twp, has also been retooled to reflect the county's problem waste disposal needs.

"When we reviewed the data from our 2015 household special waste events, the first thing we noticed was that paint made up nearly two-thirds of the materials collected," Katharine Tessin, MMWA Administrative Director, said. "We want to be responsive to the county's needs, so this year we are offering three days per month solely devoted to paint collection."

Electronics and hazardous waste will also get their own days, Tessin said, to make the drop-off experience quicker and easier for residents.

All events will be held from 9 am to 1 pm at MMWA's Community Resource Recovery Center, 2063 S Miller Rd, Saginaw, located at the SE corner of Miller and Ederer Roads in James Twp.

There is no charge for paint and household chemical disposal. Most electronics can be turned in for free, but there is a charge for televisions and CRT (cathode ray tube) computer monitors, due to the cost of processing and recycling these items. The fee is \$10 for televisions that are under 48", \$20 for televisions 48" and larger, and \$10 for CRT computer monitors. Older computer monitors are frequently CRT monitors; they are deeper in width and have wide viewing angles.

"The tube televisions and monitors are costly to process due to changes in the electronics recycling market. Unfortunately, the amount of funding manufacturers are required under law to provide has not been enough to cover those costs," Tessin said. "MMWA is subsidizing the actual cost to recycle these items, because we know this is a change for residents who used to turn them in for free."

The 2016 MMWA household special waste schedule is as follows:

Tech Tuesdays

9 am – 1 pm

First two Tuesdays of each month:

June 7, June 14

July 5, July 12

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Aug. 2, Aug. 9
Sept. 6, Sept 13

What to bring: computers, laptops, phones, keyboards, scanners, cables & cords, hard drives, mice, tablets and fax machines

There are fees for turning in the following items: TVs under 48" – \$10; TVs 48" and larger – \$20; CRT computer monitors – \$10; and copy machines- \$25.

Paint Wednesdays

June 8 and 15, and then first three Wednesdays, July – Sept.

9 am to 1 pm

June 8 and June 15

July 6, July 13, July 20

Aug 3, Aug 10, Aug 17

Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21

What to bring: latex paint, spray paint, acrylic paint, oil based paint, stain/varnish, and caulk

HOUSEHOLD Hazardous Waste

9 am – 1 pm

Fourth Tuesday of each month June-Sept:

June 28, July 26, Aug 23, Sept 27

What to bring: motor oil, fluorescent bulbs, gasoline, lawn/garden chemicals, antifreeze, glues & adhesives, mercury, lead acid batteries, wiper fluid, misc cleaners, kerosene, degreasers, acids, metal cleaners, aerosols and smoke detectors

On hazardous waste days, residents can also drop-off unused, unwanted or expired medications for proper disposal. Only prescription and over-the-counter medications are accepted: no needles or sharps.

Residents who possess unknown or unlabeled wastes should call MMWA to schedule a special appointment. Unknown chemicals or substances should not be brought to any drop-off events.

For safe preparation and transport of problem wastes in your vehicle, please follow these guidelines: Keep chemical products in original containers whenever possible. Do not mix products together. Be sure all containers are tightly sealed, and placed in sturdy boxes in an upright position. Never transport leaking or open containers. Containers up to five-gallon in size will be accepted, but containers cannot be returned. Business and school wastes, explosives, household batteries, ammunition, tires, and asbestos **are not** accepted.

Residents should bring only accepted materials on the appropriate day. For example, paint and household chemicals cannot be accepted on an electronics collection day.

For more information, call MMWA at (989) 781-9555 or visit www.recyclemotion.org.

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