DATE: February 11, 2020
TO: Harris County Employees
FROM: John Blount, P.E. County Engineer
SUBJECT: All County Employees Now Eligible to Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste at No Cost to the Employee through County Program

On January 28, 2020, Harris County Commissioners Court authorized the Harris County Household Hazardous Waste Facility to accept applicable waste from all County employees at no cost to the employee. Previously this service was only available to County residents living outside of the City of Houston.

You can help protect the environment by bringing your leftover household chemicals, including paint, cleaners, automotive products, aerosol cans, yard products, pool chemicals, cooking oil, and batteries, to the County’s facility at 6900 Hahl Road, Houston, TX 77040, at the intersection of Gessner and Highway 290 during the facility’s hours of operation and/or to one of our HazMobile events in other areas of the County. Please see the attachment for a list of accepted items and operational hours for the facility. Additionally you can find more information about the program at: http://www.hchhw.org.

If you have any questions, please contact the HHW Facility at 281-560-6200.

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January 14, 2020
Honorable County Judge
& Commissioners

Vote of the Court: Yes No Abstain

January 14, 2020
Judge Hinojosa □ □ □
Comm. Ellis □ □ □
Comm. Garcia □ □ □
Comm. Radack □ □ □
Comm. Cagle □ □ □

SUBJECT: Recommendation by the County Engineer that Authorization be
Granted for all County Employees to be able to dispose of
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at the Harris County Household
Hazardous Waste Collection Facility and Mobile HazMobile Events

Dear Court Members:

It is recommended by the County Engineer that authorization be granted to allow all
County employees to dispose of their (HHW) at the Harris County Household
Hazardous Facility, located at 6900 Hahl Road, Houston, TX 77040 or at any of the
County’s mobile HazMobile events in accordance with the County’s Texas Pollutant
Discharge Elimination System stormwater permit.

Currently the facility and HazMobile events are open to all residents of Unincorporated
Harris County and our small cities, but not to City of Houston residents as the City of
Houston has their own equivalent facilities.

County employees will be able to properly dispose of their HHW such as paint,
cleaners, automotive products, aerosol cans, yard products, pool chemicals, cooking oil,
and batteries. The program does not accept electronics, household appliances,
recyclables and trash, needles/sharps, construction debris, explosives including
ammunition and fireworks, or radioactive material. Prescription medication may be
accepted at special events twice each year if approved by Commissioners Court. This
service is for residential household items only; business, nonprofit, church, or school
waste cannot be accepted per State law.

The permanent collection facility will celebrate its 10th anniversary in March 2020. Since
opening, the facility has collected and properly disposed of more than 4 million pounds
of HHW in an environmentally friendly manner.

Presented to Commissioners Court

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The facility is open to the public for collection on Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9am to 2pm, excluding holidays. HazMobile events are scheduled in the spring and fall. Additional information regarding the program can be found on the facility's website: www.hchhw.org.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John R. Blount, P.E.
County Engineer

Attachment

cc: Commissioner Rodney Ellis  Milton Rahman
    Commissioner Adrian Garcia  Misty Rios
    Commissioner Steve Radack  Reynaldo Guerra
    Commissioners R. Jack Cagle  Chris Saddler
    Brandon Dudley  Jose Jimenez
    William Taylor  Lynn Blue
    Amar Mohite  Cheryl Guenther
    Judy Springer  Pamela Rocchi
    Mittie Anderson  Freddie Jebousek
    Deotis Gay  Dennis Johnston
    Mike Lykes  Kiley McClellan
    John Dyess
Items we accept:

- Paint
- Household Cleaners
- Automotive Products
- Propane (camping/grilling)
- Lights: CFL/LED/Fluorescent
- Items Containing Mercury
- Tires (4 per visit)
- Aerosol Cans
- Yard Products
- Pool Chemicals
- Cooking Oil
- Batteries
- Fire Extinguishers

Items we DO NOT accept:

- Electronics
- Household Appliances
- Recyclables/Trash/Empty Containers
- Dried Latex Paint
- Pharmaceuticals/Prescription Medicines
- Needles/Sharps
- Radioactive Materials
- Construction Debris
- Explosives (Ammunition & Fireworks)
- Other Compressed Gas Cylinders/Tanks

For more information about our program, please visit www.HCHHW.org or call us at 281.560.6200.
Tips for Transporting HHW

- Pack items carefully to prevent spillage.
- Cushion containers to prevent breakage.
- Pack similar chemical containers together (All yard products together, all paint products together, etc.)
- Make sure the containers are not leaking and lids are tightly sealed.
- Label materials that are not in their original containers.

When you arrive at our facility please do the following...

- Drive slowly between the orange cones once you enter.
- Pay attention to personnel and posted signs.
- Stop at the STOP sign and wait for further instructions.

For your safety:
- Put your vehicle in park, turn off the ignition and remain in your vehicle while you are being off-loaded.
- This is a no smoking facility.

Notice: This Service is for Residential Household Items Only. We Cannot Accept Business, Nonprofit, Church, or School Waste per State Rules.

Answers to Often Asked Questions

- Approximately 80% of all items we receive are recycled or used as an alternative fuel source.
- Proper disposal of your HHW items decreases contamination in our environment.
- Empty containers and dried latex paint should be placed in your regular trash.
- Our facility will temporarily close in the event of inclement weather. Please call 281.560.6230 for closure information.

For more information about our program, please visit www.HCHHW.org or call us at 281.560.6200. Also visit www.CleanWaterways.org to learn how to keep our bayous and rivers running clean!