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Illinois EPA Announces Six Fall 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

One-day collection events to be held in addition to five long-term collection locations

SPRINGFIELD –Illinois EPA Director John J. Kim is announcing six upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) one-day collection locations for the Fall of 2023. These collection events are co-sponsored by units of local government and provide residents the free opportunity to safely dispose of unused or leftover hazardous products commonly found in homes.

"Illinois EPA's one-day Household Hazardous Waste collection events provide opportunities for residents to safely get rid of unused and unwanted chemicals and other hazardous products often found in homes," said Director Kim. "We continue to see great attendance at collection locations throughout Illinois, showing the ongoing need for these important events. We thank our local partners for helping make each one of them possible."

One-day collections are open to all Illinois residents and operate from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the event. Pre-registration is required for all Fall 2023 collection events. Residents participating are encouraged to bring chemical cleaners, oil-based paints, thinners, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, kerosene, weed killers, insecticides, and pesticides, old or outdated medication, and similar hazardous household products. Fluorescent and other high-intensity discharge lamps may also be brought to the collections. **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED** include latex paint, explosives, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, agricultural chemicals, and business wastes.

For safe transport of HHW, residents are asked to:

- Pack HHW items in a disposable box to avoid spilling during transport.
- Keep like chemicals together and separate unlike chemicals.
- Secure lids and make sure containers are not leaking.
- Place box(es) of HHW in the empty trunk or storage compartment of your vehicle, away from passengers during transport.
- **Remain in vehicle at collection site.** On-site personnel will remove the HHW from your vehicle.

A complete list of wastes that are and are not accepted is available online at https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/acceptable-wastes.html. The Fall 2023 one-day collections are scheduled on Saturdays as follows:

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS	Co-Sponsor/Public Contacts
September 9	**DeKalb** *DeKalb County* **Registration Link**	DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport 2200 Pleasant Street DeKalb, IL 60115	DeKalb County Health Dept. Recycle@dekalbcounty.org 815-748-2408
September 23	**Normal** *McLean County* **Registration Link**	Heartland Community College 1500 West Rabb Road Normal, IL 61761	Ecology Action Center mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org 309-454-3169
September 30	**Springfield** *Sangamon County* **Registration Link**	Illinois State Fairgrounds 801 E. Sangamon Avenue Springfield, IL 62702	City of Springfield Public Works Public.Works@springfield,il.us 217-789-2255
October 7	**East Moline** *Rock Island County* **Registration Link**	Rock Island County Fairgrounds 4200 Archer Drive East Moline, IL 61244	Rock Island County Waste Management Agency gmccullough@bistateonline.org 309-788-8925
October 7	**Quincy** *Adams County* **Registration Link**	Adams County Highway Dept. 101 North 54th Street Quincy, IL 62305	Adams County Health Dept. health@adamscountyil.gov 217-222-8440
October 14	**Orland Park** *Cook County* **Registration Links**	Village of Orland Park 14700 South Ravinia Avenue Orland Park, IL 60462	Orland Township Highway Dept. highway@orlandroaddistrict.org 708-403-5148
NOTE: All one-day collection events for fall 2023 require pre-registration.			

In addition to the one-day collections, the following long-term collection facilities are available for disposal of HHW throughout the year:

- **Naperville,** 156 Fort Hill Drive (immediately North of Naperville Public Works), DuPage County, www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx
  Hours: Saturdays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Sundays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Phone: 630-420-6095
- **Rockford,** Four Rivers Sanitation Authority, 3333 Kishwaukee, Winnebago County https://www.rockfordil.gov/492/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal
  Hours: Saturdays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Sundays Noon – 4:00 PM, Phone: 779-348-7425
- **Chicago,** Goose Island, 1150 North Branch, Cook County www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf
  Hours: Tuesdays 7:00 AM – Noon, Thursdays 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM, and
  First Saturday of every month 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Phone: 312-744-3060

- **Lake County,** The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) currently operates a long-term household chemical waste collection program. Information and a collection schedule can be found on their website (www.swalco.org) or by calling 847-336-9340.
- **Madison County,** Madison County Building & Zoning, 249 N. Old St. Louis Road, Wood River, Madison County, https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/planning_and_development/recycle_events.php Hours: First Saturday and Third Friday of every Month 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. **Appointments are required**. See website to schedule your appointment. Questions: 618-296-5237 or recycling@co.madison.il.us

For questions concerning the Illinois EPA's one-day or long-term collections, please contact the Illinois EPA Materials Management Unit at 217-524-3300. HHW collection schedules are also available on the Illinois EPA website at https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/collections.html. Illinois EPA HHW collections continue to be contactless for the safety of participants and workers. Collection events are funded through the Illinois EPA's Solid Waste Fund.

Attachments

- IEPA Announces Six Fall 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events