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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Federal and State Elected Officials

**FROM:** Art Feltes, Recycling Coordinator  
Bucks County Planning Commission *AF*

**SUBJECT:** 2009 Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

**DATE:** March 16, 2009

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The dates and locations for the 2009 Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Old Computer Recycling Program have been set. The dates, times and places in Bucks County are listed on the attached flyer. In addition, as the household hazardous waste collection program is a regional effort, residents from Bucks County are welcome to attend collection events in the neighboring counties of Montgomery, Philadelphia, Chester and Delaware if those collection dates and/or locations are found to be more convenient. The collection dates, locations and phone numbers for the neighboring participating counties are also attached for your reference.

Please feel free to use any of the information in this packet if you choose to promote the program to your constituents.

Included in the packet you will find the following:

- household hazardous waste collection program flyer, and related information,
- a sample newsletter for use in publications, and
- a computer recycling/household hazardous waste program brochure.

And finally, volunteers are needed who can offer a few hours of their time to assist with surveys, program information distribution, and directing participants during the collection events at each of the collection locations in Bucks County. If you, or anyone in your office, would be interested in assisting during one of these collection events, or if you have any questions concerning any aspect of this program, please contact this office at (215) 345-3400.

**SAMPLE MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER**

**FOR**

**2009 SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL  
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION and  
OLD COMPUTER RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Many household products contain chemicals that when discarded contribute to the contamination of our environment by contaminating our soil, air and water. A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program provides the opportunity to reduce the amount of hazardous household chemical waste that is flushed down the toilet and kitchen drains, "disposed" of in the backyard, dumped into storm drains or simply disposed of in the municipal waste stream. These typical means of disposal are both hazardous to public health and unnecessary. Yet, it continues because individuals are frequently unaware that many useful products contain hazardous chemicals. It is the consumer's responsibility to use and dispose of household products safely. Certain household waste should be brought to community household hazardous waste collection events for proper disposal.

**RID YOUR HOME AND GARAGE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE and that OLD  
COMPUTER SYSTEM or PORTABLE TV:** Participate in the Bucks County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.

Five collection events are scheduled in Bucks County:

**May 2, 2009**

Lower Makefield Corporate Center - South  
770 Township Line Road - 2/10 mile south of Stony Hill Road  
Lower Makefield Township

**June 20, 2009**

Upper Bucks County Area Vo-Tech School  
3115 Ridge Road - Bedminster Township

**July 18, 2009**

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology  
2740 York Road (Rt. 263) - Warwick Township

**August 15, 2009**

Bucks County Technical High School  
610 Wistar Road - Bristol Township

**September 26, 2009**

Quakertown Area Community Pool  
601 W. Mill Street - Quakertown Borough

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**SOME ITEMS BEING COLLECTED INCLUDE:**

Pesticides such as Chlordane, Sevin, DDT or Malathion; Toxics materials such as weed killer, mercury, pool chemicals, photographic chemicals, rust remover; and wood preservatives; Flammable materials such as oil-based paints, varnishes, paint strippers, thinners, gasoline, kerosene, and other solvents; Caustics such as oven cleaner, lye, and ammonia based cleaners; and household rechargeable and button type batteries, as well as automotive type batteries, and gas cylinders (20 pounds or less)

The regional collection program consists of twenty-five collection days scheduled throughout southeastern Pennsylvania of which five are scheduled in Bucks County. At the five collection events being held in Bucks County old Computer Systems and portable TV's are also being accepted from residents.

**DO NOT BRING** (they will **not** be accepted): LATEX PAINT (see below), Appliances (including air conditioners and dehumidifiers), Asbestos, Infectious or Biological waste, Explosives (ammunition), Gas Cylinders (greater than 20 lbs.), PCB's, Pressurized CFC's (greater than 1 lb.) Radioactive wastes (dispose of smoke detectors in the regular waste or contact product manufacturer for take back program), or Tires.

Whenever possible, material should be in its original container with an original, legible label.

Amounts up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds will be accepted at no charge to residents. This event is **not** open to business, industry or institutions.

Following are a couple of suggestions on how to handle some of the materials you may have around the house which may, or may not, be accepted as part of a household hazardous waste collection program.

**LATEX PAINT:** Air dry latex paint or mix with an absorbent ("oil-dry" or clay based kitty litter at the rate of about 1 gallon of paint to 2-4 cups of absorbent) and discard absorbed paint and paint can, with its lid off, in regular trash. **EMPTY** paint cans may be placed with recyclables in many municipal recycling programs (check with your hauler or municipal officials).

**SMOKE ALARMS:** Mail back to manufacturer, or dispose of in regular trash.

**BAR-B-Q GRILL TANKS** (20lb or less): Return to a tank exchange location, or bring to collection program.

**TIRES:** Contact nearest major tire retailer. (Anticipate a charge of \$2.00 to \$3.00 per automobile tire).

**USED MOTOR OIL:** Contact your local automobile repair shop or the Bucks County Planning Commission for suggestions.

Call the Bucks County Planning Commission at 345-3400 if you would like to receive additional information.