



*News From*

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*Monroe County Executive*

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## **BROOKS ANNOUNCES SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

***Appointment only collection for Gates, Chili, Wheatland, Riga,  
Scottsville and Churchville residents***

**Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks** today announced that the County's Department of Environmental Services (DES) will collaborate with the towns of Gates, Chili, Wheatland, Riga and the villages of Scottsville and Churchville for an **appointment only**, mobile Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection at the Gates Highway Garage, 475 Trabold Road on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Most HHW (paint, flammables and other chemicals for home-use) is safe when used and stored properly. When they become unwanted and are improperly disposed, these household wastes have the potential to become environmental hazards.

*"Collections like this give residents the opportunity to dispose of potentially hazardous chemicals in a safe manner, and extends the useful life of our County landfill,"* said **Brooks**. *"This program is another example of how Monroe County is working with our local municipalities to meet the needs of residents."*

**Appointments are required** to ensure safety and limit waiting times at all HHW collection sites. Appointments for this collection will be accepted until September 19, 2008. Residents should call the Town of Gates at 247-2911 to schedule an appointment. Waste from businesses will not be accepted.

Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment, at no charge:

- Oil-based & Latex Paint (for 1/3-gallon or less: discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Wood Stain & Preservatives
- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering & transmission fluids)
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents)
- Household Cleaners (liquid soaps & waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
- Driveway Sealer

- Pool & Photo Chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) & Button Batteries
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Syringes/Sharps (safely packaged)

**Do Not Bring:** used motor oil and vehicle batteries (contact service station); Propane tanks (permanent HHW facility only); cans with dried paint (if it rattles – remove lid and place in trash); empty containers (trash or recycle); everyday alkaline batteries (trash); glazing/spackle and joint compounds (trash).

If residents are unable to take advantage of this mobile HHW collection, Monroe County offers other collection dates. For more information, or for business waste disposal options, call DES at 753-7600 – press option 3; or go online to [www.MonroeCounty.gov](http://www.MonroeCounty.gov) – click on Environmental Services (DES).

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