DINOLFO ANNOUNCES HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Monroe County to Partner with the Towns of Penfield and Webster for a Free Collection

Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo today announced that the County’s Department of Environmental Services (DES) will host a joint Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection in conjunction with the Towns of Penfield and Webster. The collection will take place at the Town of Penfield Highway Garage, 1607 Jackson Road, on Saturday, April 16 from 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

“Local governments within Monroe County have a long history of working together to benefit residents,” said Dinolfo. “By offering a household hazardous waste collection out in the community, we are not only bringing essential services close to home, we are also encouraging recycling and raising awareness. I hope that residents will take advantage of the program during this spring-cleaning season and set aside items to be properly recycled.”

To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, appointments are required at all HHW collections and can be made until April 15. To schedule an appointment, Penfield residents can call 340-8710 and Webster residents can call 872-1443. Appointments can also be made on-line at www.monroecounty.gov/hhw. This collection is open to all Monroe County residents. Waste from businesses will not be accepted.

Most household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, flammables and other home chemicals) is safe when used and properly stored. However, they can become environmental hazards when disposed of improperly. Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- Oil-based and latex paint (latex paint greater than 1/3 of a gallon)
- Wood stain and preservatives
- Automotive fluids and driveway sealers
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Flammable products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents)
- Household cleaners and pool & photo chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) and button batteries
- Thermometers and thermostats
- Syringes/sharps (must be safely packaged and labeled)

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Do Not Bring: used motor oil & vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer); pharmaceutical wastes, propane tanks (permanent HHW facility only); cans with dried paint (if dried, remove lid and place in trash); empty containers (place in trash or recycle); everyday alkaline batteries (place in trash); glazing/spackle & joint compounds (place in trash).

If residents are unable to take advantage of this one-day HHW collection, the County offers other collections throughout the year. For more information, or for business waste disposal options, go on-line to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark

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