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HHW community collection events start-up again next week *Collection events resume in SLC, Sandy, and Holladay*

(Salt Lake County) – On Thursday, April 12th, the Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) will resume their annual community collection events for residents to dispose of old or unused household hazardous waste (HHW). This first Thursday collection event will be held at the Sandy Public Works, 8775 South 700 West from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and is free to all Salt Lake valley residents.

Thirteen years ago, the SLVHD Household Hazardous Waste program initiated the original HHW Community Collection Events as an easier way for county residents to dispose of their household hazardous waste. In addition to the four permanent collection sites, the summer collection events offer residents three collection days per month in convenient community locations in the Salt Lake valley.

“The HHW Community Collection Events have remained very popular with area residents and participation continues to grow annually,” says Dorothy Adams, HHW Program Manager. “Last year, the program collected over one million pounds of HHW!”

Also again this year, the SLVHD is urging residents to “Get the Mercury Out” and will give free digital thermometers to residents who bring in and exchange a mercury thermometer. Thermometer exchanges can take place at any of the permanent HHW collection facilities or any of the HHW Community Collection Events, while supplies of digital thermometers last.

Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities

Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Facility
6030 West California Avenue (1400 South)
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday

Trans Jordan Landfill
10873 South 7200 West
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday

Murray ABOP* Collection Center
Murray Public Works Facility
4646 South 500 West, Murray, UT 84107
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

Sandy ABOP* Collection Center
Sandy Public Works Facility
8775 South 700 West, Sandy, UT 84070
7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

*Murray and Sandy ABOP Centers are for antifreeze, batteries, oil, and paint recycling only.

HHW Summer Community Collection Days (April through October)

2nd Thursday of each month
Sandy City Public Works
8775 South 700 West
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

4th Thursday of every month
Salt Lake City
Jordan Park
1100 South 900 West
(enter from of Fremont Avenue)
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

3rd Thursday of every month
Holladay City
4626 South 2300 East
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I bring my HHW to the collection sites?

Disposing of household products like paint, pesticides, fuels, antifreeze, and oils in the storm drain, sink or garbage is irresponsible and could result in the contamination of our precious drinking water. Improperly stored chemicals can cause house fires and accidental poisonings. Water quality is a very important issue for Salt Lake County because of its limited water supply and large population base. We need to do everything possible to protect and preserve the quality of our ground and surface waters.

What does it cost?

IT'S FREE. The Household Hazardous Waste Facilities and HHW Community Collection Events are FREE to Salt Lake County Residents. Individuals outside Salt Lake County are welcome to dispose of their waste at the Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Management Facility*, but they will be charged the same fees as the facility is charged to dispose of this waste. Small businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste are also welcome to use the Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Management Facility*, but they too, will be charged disposal fees. If you have business waste, please call (801)541-4078 for information.

*Not available at the Trans Jordan Landfill

What happens to the material after I drop it off?

Many of the items that people bring in for disposal are still usable. All usable items are available free to the public, at the Reuse Center. The center has paint, pesticides, fertilizers and much more. There are Reuse Centers at the Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facilities.

Items that are not reusable but can be recycled are sorted and shipped to different recycling manufacturers. They in turn, make other products from the materials they receive. Some of the products that can be made from the materials are paint primer, caulking and lubricants. Items that can't be reused are sent to facilities where the material is safely destroyed in 1400 degree Fahrenheit incinerators.

Helpful Hints:

- Make sure you need the chemical before you buy it.
- Buy only what you need; give what you cannot use to friends, neighbors, community groups, etc.
- Buy less toxic products and use alternatives to chemicals whenever possible