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**Summer HHW community collection events start-up April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*Collection events in SLC, Sandy, and Holladay will now accept discarded pharmaceuticals*

(Salt Lake County) – On Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 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). The first 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.

Fourteen 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.

“This year we have initiated a program to accept old medications at all of our community collection days,” says Dorothy Adams, Household Hazardous Waste program manager. “We hope this will encourage residents to properly dispose of their prescriptions and protect the environment from careless contamination.” Old pharmaceuticals should never be flushed down the toilet, as recent reports have revealed that they can contaminate drinking water supplies. Local police will be onsite to legally collect and dispose of all forfeited drugs.

HHW Summer Community Collection Days (April through September)

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month  
(with the exception of July 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Salt Lake City  
Garden Center at North entrance of Sugar  
House Park  
1602 East 2100 South  
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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.

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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, pharmaceuticals and oils in the storm drain, sink, toilet 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.

### **For more information on HHW:**

Call (801) 313-6745