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Concord Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

CONCORD, NH — Concord General Services is hosting its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Concord and Penacook residents on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Douglas N. Everett Arena, located at 15 Loudon Road.

Residents can bring their unwanted household hazardous waste to the event to safely dispose of harmful materials. Household hazardous wastes are leftover household products that are toxic, ignitable, corrosive, or reactive, such as – cleaners, paint, pesticides, adhesives, polish, and fuels.

Hazardous materials should not be disposed of in the trash, down the drain, in storm sewers, or on the ground. Improperly disposing of these materials can seriously impact public health and the environment. It is important to carefully dispose of dangerous materials to avoid any potential risks of hazardous wastes.

Residents can bring up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of household hazardous waste to Concord's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for proper disposal. Acceptable items to bring include items such as oil-based paints (no latex paint), gasoline, transmission fluid, swimming pool chemicals, insecticides, fertilizers, and furniture cleaners. Decisions to accept or refuse material will be made on-site. Please do not bring fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers,

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radioactive waste, industrial waste, ammunition, prescription medication, regular trash, or latex paint. Latex paint is not hazardous and can be disposed of in the regular trash when completely dried out.

This year, the Loon Preservation Committee will be onsite at Concord's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day to collect old lead tackle. Lead tackle poisoning is the number one cause of documented adult loon mortality in New Hampshire. Lead sinkers and lead-headed jigs weighing one ounce or less are now illegal to sell or use in freshwater in the state. Lead tackle can be identified as soft and easily dented, and will leave a gray mark if rubbed on paper. Tackle purchased in 2010 or earlier is likely to contain lead. Anglers should check their tackleboxes and bring lead tackle to this event for proper disposal.

Proof of Concord or Penacook residency is required to participate. Residents must remain in their vehicle and attendants will safely remove materials for them. Items should remain in their original containers with tightened lids and be packed in sturdy upright boxes to avoid spills. Never mix chemicals or smoke while handling hazardous waste.

A list of acceptable and unacceptable materials for this event can be found at www.concordnh.gov/hhw.

Do your part to keep the community safe and clean by attending this year's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

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Concord General Services is the public works department for the City of Concord, New Hampshire that delivers services to enhance the quality of life of the community. Services include street maintenance, solid waste management, water and sewer utilities, drinking water and wastewater treatment, public property maintenance, City fleet and equipment services, and management of the Douglas N. Everett Arena. For more information, please visit www.concordnh.gov/generalservices.