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Second collection event scheduled at Portage High School

Portage, Indiana – The Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County will help Porter County residents safely dispose of their old pesticides, gasoline, CFLs and other products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients by sponsoring a household hazardous waste collection event scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Portage High School, 6450 U.S. 6.

Participants should enter the campus from the first driveway north of U.S. 6 on Airport Road. Wait times will vary and may be long. Participants should plan their schedules accordingly.

Only household hazardous waste will be accepted at this event, including aerosol cans; anti-freeze; oil; batteries (household and automotive); corrosives; medications; mercury containing products (fluorescent tubes, CFLs, thermometers, thermostats, etc.); oil-based and latex paint, thinners and solvents; pesticides and other poisons; diesel fuel, kerosene, other flammable liquids; and ammunition. Large waste oil containers will be evacuated after 1:30 p.m.

For a complete list of accepted items, visit www.ItMeansTheWorld.org. There will not be a gas can exchange at this event.

Items that will not be accepted at this event include: explosives, asbestos, grill propane cylinders, commercial hazardous waste, containers larger than 30 gallons with products other than oil, controlled substances, and radioactive materials, such as smoke detectors.

The only gas can exchange is scheduled for the household hazardous waste collection event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Hebron Middle School, 307 South Main St. Residents will be able to exchange their old gas cans for environmentally friendly 2.5-gallon gas cans while supplies last. Limit one gas can exchange per vehicle. Gas cans are provided compliments of Northwest Indiana Clean Air.

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The last household hazardous waste collection event of 2015 is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at Porter County Expo Center, 215 E. Division Rd., Valparaiso.

For more information on these Porter County collection events, call the Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County, 465-3694, or visit www.ItMeansTheWorld.org.

There are alternate locations that accept medications, fluorescent light bulbs, latex paint and household batteries on a continuous basis, so residents can properly dispose of these products at their convenience.

Unused medications are accepted at the following law enforcement agencies: Porter Police Department, 50 Francis St.; Valparaiso Police Department, 355 S. Washington St.; Chesterton Police Department, 790 Broadway; Portage, 2693 Irving St.; Porter County Sheriff's Department, 2755 S. Ind. 49, and Hebron Police Department, 106 East Sigler St.

Household batteries can be recycled at a number of places throughout Porter County. Visit the district website www.ItMeansTheWorld.org for a complete listing.

Fluorescent tube lights and compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) can be recycled at either the Porter County public compost site: Valparaiso, 2150 W. Lincolnway, Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; or Boone Grove, 546 S. 400 W., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The City of Hobart accepts latex paint donations from Porter County residents at its Department of Public Works site, 340 S. Shelby St., Mondays through Fridays, between 7 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.; and Saturdays, between 8 and 11:45 a.m.

The Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County is an agency dedicated to improving the environment and quality of life by providing services and educational programs which help residents reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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