

Household hazardous waste collections coming up

With the days for the annual Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste approaching, organizers are encouraging people to take stock of what kinds of material they could dispose of. When determining if products are hazardous, look on product labels for indicator words such as "Danger," "Poison," "Warning," or "Caution" and symbols.

Disposal will be available on two collection days. Residents and residential taxpayers in the 24 participating communities may bring up to 10 gallons or 50 pounds of household hazardous waste to any one of the collection sites throughout the region. The collection days will be held on July 30 and Aug. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

On July 30 people can bring their hazardous waste to the Belmont Fire Station, and Public Works garages in Franklin, Gilford, and Meredith. On Aug. 6 hazardous waste will be collected at the state DOT garage in Bristol, the Public Works Garage on Bisson Avenue in Laconia, and the Town Highway garages in Center Ossipee and Moultonborough.

The participating communities for the collections are: Alexandria, Andover, Belmont, Bridgewater, Bristol, Center Harbor, Effingham, Franklin, Freedom, Gilford, Gilmanton, Hebron, Hill, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, New Hampton, Northfield, Ossipee, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Tamworth, and Tilton.

Anyone who wants a map showing the collection sites, or who wants to make a donation to the program, or learn more information about wastes, may visit the Lakes Region HHW website at <http://lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp>, or call 279-5343 or 279-5341.



A worker dumps household hazardous waste into a large drum during the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored every year by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Collections this year will take place on Saturday, July 30, and Saturday, Aug. 6. (Courtesy photo)