

Household Hazardous Waste Collections start Friday in SE Neb.

(KTNC)--If you're wondering what to do with old cleansers under the sink, unused paint cluttering the shelves, or old fluorescent light bulbs stacked in the garage, you can get rid of those items at a series of hazardous waste collections in southeast Nebraska over the next two months.

Five Rivers Resources Conservation and Development sponsors the collections, the first of which are this week, with five stops planned, and more scheduled in September and October.

Three collection events will be held on Friday beginning in Syracuse, at the Otoe County Shop from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., then moving to the Pawnee County Shop in Pawnee City from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., and finally moving to Auburn, in the parking lot behind City Hall from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Collections will be held Saturday in Nebraska City and in Eagle.

Items that will be accepted include paint, pesticides, anti-freeze, herbicides, cleaning chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, and yard and garden chemicals.

Items that won't be accepted include tires, electronic equipment, appliances, PCBs, science lab materials, explosives, wood preservatives, and radioactive material. Commercial-size quantities also will not be accepted. Items should be brought in disposable containers, up to five gallons or 50 pounds and the containers will not be returned.

If you miss out on any of the five collection events this weekend, more are scheduled in September and October, with collections September 12th and 13th in Weeping Water, Tecumseh, Fairbury, and Crete; September 26th in Plattsmouth; and October 10th in Humboldt and Falls City.

There is no charge to bring items in, but organizers are requesting a \$5 donation per household to help cover the costs of the collection.

The Red Willow Household Hazardous Waste Team from McCook will be on hand to collect and safely dispose of the hazardous material.

A three-year grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality is financing the collection events. This is the second year of the grant, so the Household Hazardous Waste Collections will continue for at least one more year.

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