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### **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off**

**WHO: Lamont McClure and the Department of Public Works**

**WHAT: Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event for Northampton County Residents**

**WHERE: Northampton Community College 3835 Green Pond Rd Bethlehem, PA 18020**

**WHEN: Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 8:30AM – 2:00PM, by appointment only**

Lamont McClure and the Northampton County Department of Public Works will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Northampton Community College 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA from 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM, rain or shine. This event is intended for Northampton County residents only and online pre-registration is required. A confirmation ticket must be presented at check-in and identification/proof of residency must match the address on the registration. There is a limit of 20 gallons or 60 pounds of solid waste per vehicle. Because appointments are limited, residents are asked to consider bringing items for family, friends and neighbors.

County residents will have the opportunity to sign-up for one appointment per household. Signups will be 'first come, first served.' Upon successfully registering, an email confirmation with a printable ticket will be issued. You must arrive within the scheduled timeframe, not before or after. If you need to change your confirmed time, you must delete or cancel your appointment on Eventbrite and re-register. There is no guarantee that an appointment will still be available if you cancel. Those who show up without an appointment will be turned away.

The registration link will be available on the County website ([northamptoncounty.org](http://northamptoncounty.org)) at 8:00AM on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 through September 26<sup>th</sup>. Time slots will be in 15 minute increments.

This is a no-contact event which means drivers must remain inside their vehicles upon arrival. Material must be accessible from the trunk, cargo area or bed of a truck. Event staff will remove all items from those locations.

Acceptable materials include paint products, automotive fluids, outdoor products (pesticides, herbicides, driveway sealers, pool chemicals, etc.) and household products (lead acid car batteries, and rechargeable, lithium or button type household batteries, fire extinguishers, flammables, adhesives, aerosols, etc.)

Unacceptable materials include electronics, appliances, Freon, scrap metal, explosives, ammunition, radioactive waste, fireworks, smoke/carbon monoxide protectors, medical waste, sharps, latex paint, alkaline batteries, gas cylinders and helium tanks. A full list of unacceptable materials can be found on the County's Household Hazardous Waste webpage.

Guidelines for safely transporting household hazardous waste to the collection site includes:

- Keep all products in their original containers with labels intact and lids on tight
- Place materials securely in a cardboard box to prevent spilling. **NO PLASTIC TUBS**
- Wrap leaking containers in newspaper and place in a plastic container for transport
- Do not mix materials
- Do not leave hazardous materials loaded in a vehicle or other hot, unventilated areas for prolonged periods
- Do not smoke around chemicals
- Remove all items not intended for collection from the trunk, cargo area or bed of a truck

If you are unable to attend this event, you can visit the County's website for information on special waste disposal.

Household hazardous waste collection events are supported by Northampton County Recycling and Sustainability Funding in partnership with PA Dept. of Agriculture, PA Dept. of Environmental Protection and Waste Management Grand Central and Alliance landfills.

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