



Waukesha COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND LAND USE

March 18, 2009

RE: Changes in Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection program

Dear Municipal Recycling Contact:

As you are all aware, the significant cuts in the Governor's proposed state budget will have impacts on local programs. The entire Clean Sweep (HHW) grant was eliminated for 2009 and beyond. We had included \$20,000 in state grant funds in the 2009 county budget to cover costs for a special collection event. Loss of this grant means we must make program cuts.

The household hazardous waste program has been a true success story of inter-governmental cooperation with the Veolia Emerald Park Landfill, Waukesha County and local communities all providing funds to support the program. Our goal has been to provide a cost-effective and convenient program for all county residents to properly dispose of household hazardous waste.

After careful consideration, the county is making the following changes for 2009:

- Franklin location hours will be cut back to Saturdays only (NO Tuesday and Thursday hours).
- New Berlin one-day collection in September will be eliminated.
- No Agricultural Clean Sweep program.

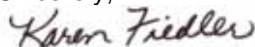
Note: Due to construction at the City of Delafield DPW building, the June 20 special collection will be moved to the Hartland DPW yard.

Thank you for helping us notify your residents about these changes via newsletters, cable TV, and web links. County web pages have been revised at the link below (use this for the HHW link from your web page) <http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/page.aspx?SetupMetaId=11136&id=11472>

New fliers are posted and attached. However, we know that old brochures are still in libraries and in people's hands, so we will have some confusion until people get used to the changes. Please explain to your constituents that we are doing our best to manage the program to the benefit of residents and the environment in view of state grant cuts, increasing costs, and fixed municipal budgets.

We will be sending out press releases and ads soon. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call.

Sincerely,



Karen Fiedler, Solid Waste Supervisor

Attachments: Updated Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Waukesha County brochure
Updated Special Collection event flier