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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events Coming to Seven Illinois Communities this Spring

One-day events supplement existing year-round collection locations

Springfield – Illinois EPA Acting Director James Jennings is pleased to announce seven Spring Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) one-day collection events scheduled over the upcoming months. These collection events are coordinated by Illinois EPA and local co-sponsors to provide residents the free opportunity to safely dispose of unused or leftover hazardous products that are common in households.

“As residents begin spring cleaning, many may find they have unused or unwanted products and chemicals that could pose a hazard to themselves and the environment,” said Acting Director Jennings. “One-day household hazardous waste collections provide a safe, free, and convenient opportunity for residents to dispose of hazardous items in an environmentally friendly manner.”

Each year, Illinois EPA hosts one-day HHW collections, which are open to all Illinois residents. Each collection operates from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the event; however, pre-registration is required for all Spring 2026 collection events, which provides residents with specified time slots for disposal. Residents are encouraged to bring chemical cleaners, oil-based paints, thinners, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, kerosene, weed killers, insecticides, and pesticides, and other similar hazardous household products. Fluorescent and other high-intensity discharge lamps may also be brought to the collections. **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED** include explosives, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, agricultural chemicals, and business wastes. To properly dispose of latex paints, please visit: <https://www.paintcare.org/states/illinois/>. A complete list of wastes that are and are not accepted is available online at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/acceptable-wastes.html>.

For safe transport of HHW, residents are asked to:

- Pack HHW items in a disposable box to avoid spilling during transport.
- Keep like chemicals together and separate unlike chemicals.

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- Secure lids and make sure containers are not leaking.
- Place box(es) of HHW in the empty trunk or storage compartment of your vehicle, away from passengers during transport.
- **Remain in vehicle at collection site.** On-site personnel will remove the HHW from your vehicle.

The spring 2026 one-day collections are scheduled on Saturdays and require Pre-Registration:

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS	Co-Sponsor/Public Contacts
March 21	East Peoria <i>Tazewell County</i> Registration Link	Illinois Central College 1 College Drive East Peoria, IL 61611	Tazewell County Health Department ahunt@tchd.net
April 11	Griggsville <i>Pike County</i> Registration Link	Western Illinois Fairgrounds 516 S. Oak St. Griggsville, IL 62340	Pike County Chamber & Economic Development Corporation bmiddendorf@2riverscd.org
April 18	Kankakee <i>Kankakee County</i> Registration Link	Public Works Building 401 W. Oak St. Kankakee, IL 60901	State Representative Jackie Haas & Kankakee Fire Department jkinnerley@ilhousegop.org
April 25	Morrison <i>Whiteside County</i> Registration Link	County Highway Dept. 18819 Lincoln Rd. Morrison, IL 61270	Whiteside County Highway Department rrenner@whiteside.org
May 16	DeKalb <i>DeKalb County</i> Registration Link	DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport 2200 Pleasant Street DeKalb, IL 60115	DeKalb County Health Department gmaurice@dekalbcounty.org
June 6	Lake in the Hills <i>McHenry County</i> Registration Link	Marlowe Middle School 9625 Haligus Road Lake in the Hills, IL 60156	McHenry County Department of Health kmboeckmann@mchenrycountyil.gov
June 6	Carbondale <i>Jackson County</i> Registration Link	SIU Areana South Parking Lot 425 Saluki Drive Carbondale, IL 62901	Jackson County Health Department angiek@jchdonline.org

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In addition to the one-day collections, the following year-round, long-term collection facilities are available for the disposal of HHW:

- **Naperville**, 156 Fort Hill Drive (immediately North of Naperville Public Works), DuPage County, www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx
Hours: Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Sundays 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Phone: 630-420-6095
- **Rockford**, 3315 Kishwaukee, Winnebago County
<https://www.rockfordil.gov/492/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal>
Hours: Saturdays 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Sundays Noon-4:00 p.m., Phone: 779-348-7425
- **Chicago**, Goose Island, 1150 North Branch, Cook County www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf
Hours: Tuesdays 7:00 a.m.-Noon, Thursdays 2:00 PM-7:00 p.m., and First Saturday of every month 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Phone: 312-744-3060
- **Lake County**, The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) currently operates a long-term household chemical waste collection program. Information and a collection schedule can be found on their website (www.swalco.org) or by calling 847-336-9340.
- **Madison County**, Madison County Building & Zoning, 249 North Old St. Louis Road, Wood River, Madison County,
https://www.madisoncountyl.gov/departments/planning_and_development/recycle_events.php
Hours: First Saturday and Third Friday of every Month 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Appointments are required**. See website to schedule your appointment. Questions: 618-296-5237 or recycling@co.madison.il.us

For questions concerning the Illinois EPA's one-day or long-term collections, please contact the Illinois EPA Materials Management Unit at 217-524-3300. The HHW collection schedule is also available on the Illinois EPA website at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/collections.html>. Illinois EPA HHW collections continue to be contactless for the safety of participants and workers. Collection events are funded through the Illinois EPA's Solid Waste Fund.

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