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**First Household Hazardous Waste
Collection To Be Held On March 27**

The first of four household hazardous waste collections to help Delaware County residents remove toxic products from their homes will be held from 9 AM.-3 PM. Saturday, March 27, at the Transfer Station in Marple Township.

Residents of the five-county area under a regional collection program are permitted to take acceptable products for disposal to the site, located on Sussex Blvd. at Marpit Road, according to County Council Vice Chairman Christine Fizzano Cannon. There is no charge to residents to drop off the acceptable materials.

County residents can take acceptable products to locations in the five-county area at 27 different collections as part of a coordinated regional household hazardous waste education, collection and management program, Mrs. Fizzano Cannon said.

Household hazardous waste products which will be collected can be found in the home in the bathroom, kitchen, living areas, garage, basement and utility room, she said.

Categories of products to take to the household hazardous waste collections include flammables, pesticides, caustics, toxics, rechargeable household batteries, lead-acid batteries and propane tanks which weigh less than 20 pounds.

Residents may take oil-based paint, paint thinner, varnish, kerosene, gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, weed killers, fungicides, items containing mercury and cell phones.

Residents should not mix materials. They should tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, they should be packed in a larger container with newsprint to absorb the leaks. Products should be brought in original containers with labels.

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Products which won't be accepted at the collections are any unidentifiable waste, latex paint, appliances, asbestos, biological waste, explosives, gas cylinders, alkaline batteries, PCBs, pressurized CFCs and radioactive waste.

Latex paint as well as joint compound, roof cements, asphalt sealers, caulking compounds and aerosol cans can be discarded with other residential trash.

No tires nor commercial or industrial waste will be accepted.

Other collections in Delaware County will be held on April 24 at the Emergency Services Training Center on the Darby Township-Folcroft Borough border, on Thursday, Sep. 16 at Rose Tree Park and on Oct. 9 at the Upper Chichester Township Municipal Building. The Training Center is at Calcon Hook Road and Tribbett Ave. Rose Tree Park is on Route 252, north of U.S. 1, near Media. The Upper Chichester Township Municipal Building is at 8500 Furey Road, near Chichester Ave., Boothwyn.

Computer equipment, fax machines and portable televisions will be collected on April 24 at the Emergency Services Training Center and on Sep. 16 in Rose Tree Park and on Oct. 9 at Upper Chichester in connection with the household waste collections scheduled for those days. They will not be accepted at the collection on March 27 at Marple.

Organizers recommend residents take their materials to the collection site nearest their home. The program will be conducted as scheduled regardless of weather conditions.

A list of materials that will be collected, a full list of collections for the five-county area, and directions to those collection locations are posted on the County's Green Pages section of the County website, www.co.delaware.pa.us/green, under "Waste and Recycling". For additional information, contact the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority at 610-892-9627.