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**FOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTIONS IN DELCO IN 2010**

Four dates have been scheduled this year for Delaware County residents to remove toxic products from their homes for disposal at the annual household hazardous waste collections.

The collections will be held from 9 A.M.-3 P.M. on three Saturdays and one Thursday spread over eight months beginning with the first on March 27 at the Transfer Station in Marple Township.

The others will be on April 24 at the Emergency Services Training Center in Darby Township, on Thursday, Sep 16 at Rose Tree Park in Upper Providence Township, and on Oct. 9 at the Upper Chichester Townships Municipal Building.

Computer equipment, fax machines and portable televisions will be collected at three of the collections, on April 24 at the Emergency Services Training Center, on Sep 16 in Rose Tree Park and on Oct. 9 in Upper Chichester in connection with the household hazardous waste collections scheduled for those days.

Rose Tree Park is on Route 252, north of U.S. 1, near Media. The Marple site is on Sussex Blvd., at Marpit Road. The Emergency Services Training Center is on Calcon Hook Road and Tribbett Ave., on the Darby Township-Folcroft Borough border. Upper Chichester Township Municipal Building is at 8500 Furey Road, near Chichester Ave., Boothwyn.

County residents can take acceptable products to sites in the five-county area at 27 different collections as part of a coordinated regional household hazardous waste education, collection and management program, said Vice Chairman Christine Fizzano Cannon. There is no charge to residents to drop off the acceptable materials.

The collections are scheduled to be held over the eight-month time frame to better provide opportunities for residents to dispose of materials after household cleanups or after moving into a new home, Ms. Fizzano Cannon said.

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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, household batteries, lead-acid batteries and propane tanks which weigh less than 20 pounds.

Residents may take oil-based paint, paint thinner, spot removers, 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.

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.

No tires nor commercial or industrial waste will be accepted. Computer and electronic equipment will be collected only at the collections to be held on April 24, Sep. 16 and Oct. 9.

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

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 full schedule of collections for the five-county area and directions to the locations are posted on www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html, the site for recycling information on the Delaware County Government webpage. For additional information, contact the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority at 610-892-9627.