


HARRIS COUNTY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 11, 2020
TO: Harris County Employees
FROM: John Blount, P.E. 
County Engineer

SUBJECT: All County Employees Now Eligible to Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste at No Cost to the Employee through County Program

On January 28, 2020, Harris County Commissioners Court authorized the Harris County Household Hazardous Waste Facility to accept applicable waste from all County employees at no cost to the employee. Previously this service was only available to County residents living outside of the City of Houston.

You can help protect the environment by bringing your leftover household chemicals, including paint, cleaners, automotive products, aerosol cans, yard products, pool chemicals, cooking oil, and batteries, to the County's facility at 6900 Hahl Road, Houston, TX 77040, at the intersection of Gessner and Highway 290 during the facility's hours of operation and/or to one of our HazMobile events in other areas of the County. Please see the attachment for a list of accepted items and operational hours for the facility. Additionally you can find more information about the program at: <http://www.hchhw.org>.

If you have any questions, please contact the HHW Facility at 281-560-6200.

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Vote of the Court:

January 14, 2020

Honorable County Judge
& Commissioners

	Yes	No	Abstain
Judge Hidalgo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Ellis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. A. Garcia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Radack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Cagle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUBJECT: Recommendation by the County Engineer that Authorization be Granted for all County Employees to be able to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at the Harris County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility and Mobile HazMobile Events

Dear Court Members:

It is recommended by the County Engineer that authorization be granted to allow all County employees to dispose of their (HHW) at the Harris County Household Hazardous Facility, located at 6900 Hahl Road, Houston, TX 77040 or at any of the County's mobile HazMobile events ~~in accordance with the County's Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater permit.~~

Currently the facility and HazMobile events are open to all residents of Unincorporated Harris County and our small cities, but not to City of Houston residents as the City of Houston has their own equivalent facilities.

County employees will be able to properly dispose of their HHW such as paint, cleaners, automotive products, aerosol cans, yard products, pool chemicals, cooking oil, and batteries. The program does not accept electronics, household appliances, recyclables and trash, needles/sharps, construction debris, explosives including ammunition and fireworks, or radioactive material. Prescription medication may be accepted at special events twice each year if approved by Commissioners Court. This service is for residential household items only; business, nonprofit, church, or school waste cannot be accepted per State law.

The permanent collection facility will celebrate its 10th anniversary in March 2020. Since opening, the facility has collected and properly disposed of more than 4 million pounds of HHW in an environmentally friendly manner.

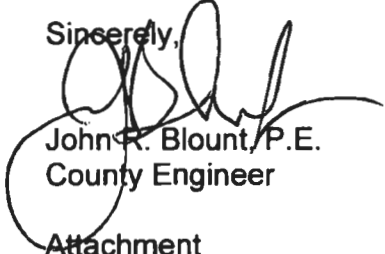
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The facility is open to the public for collection on Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9am to 2pm, excluding holidays. HazMobile events are scheduled in the spring and fall. Additional information regarding the program can be found on the facility's website: www.hchhw.org.

Sincerely,



John R. Blount, P.E.
County Engineer

Attachment

cc: Commissioner Rodney Ellis
Commissioner Adrian Garcia
Commissioner Steve Radack
Commissioners R. Jack Cagle
Brandon Dudley
William Taylor
Amar Mohite
Judy Springer
Mittie Anderson
Deotis Gay
Mike Lykes
John Dyess

Milton Rahman
Misty Rios
Reynaldo Guerra
Chris Saddler
Jose Jimenez
Lynn Blue
Cheryl Guenther
Pamela Rocchi
Freddie Jebousek
Dennis Johnston
Kiley McClellan

Harris County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

6900 Hahl Road, Houston, TX 77040



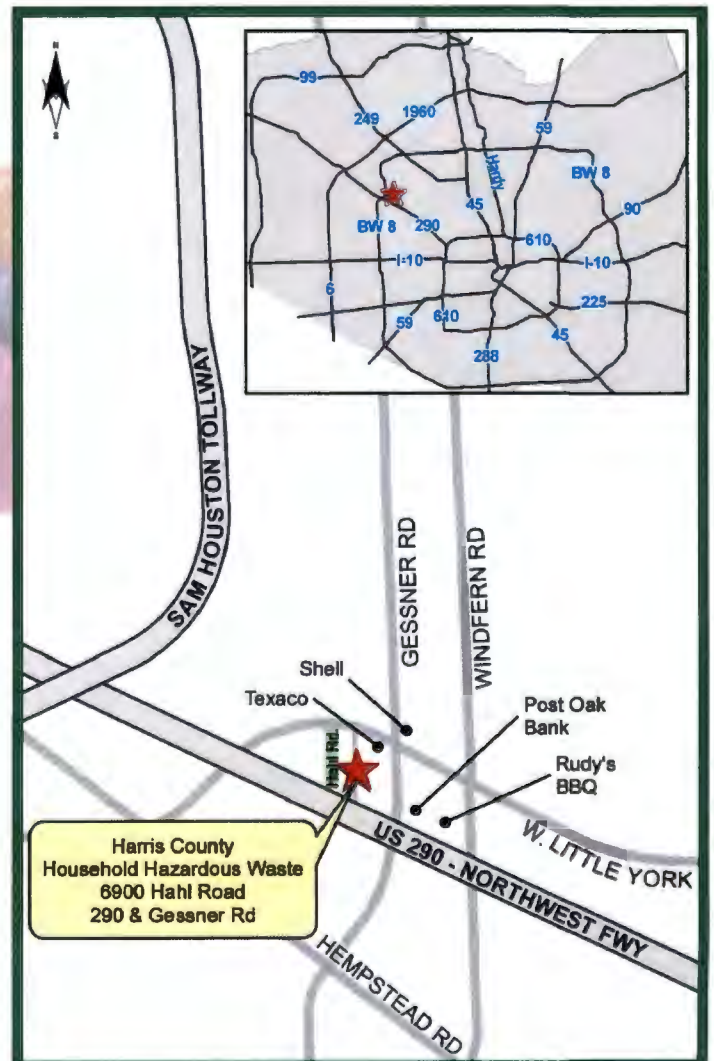
Open to the Public { Wednesdays: 9 am - 3 pm
Every 2nd Saturday of the Month: 9 am - 2 pm
4th Saturday of the Month (Jan. - Oct.): 9 am - 2 pm
(For Holiday Closures and 4th Saturday Operation Dates, visit www.HCHHW.org)

Items we accept:

- Paint
- Household Cleaners
- Automotive Products
- Propane (camping/grilling)
- Lights: CFL/LED/Fluorescent
- Items Containing Mercury
- Tires (4 per visit)
- Aerosol Cans
- Yard Products
- Pool Chemicals
- Cooking Oil
- Batteries
- Fire Extinguishers

Items we DO NOT accept:

- Electronics
- Household Appliances
- Recyclables/Trash/Empty Containers
- Dried Latex Paint
- Pharmaceuticals/Prescription Medicines
- Needles/Sharps
- Radioactive Materials
- Construction Debris
- Explosives (Ammunition & Fireworks)
- Other Compressed Gas Cylinders/Tanks



For more information about our program, please visit www.HCHHW.org
or call us at 281.560.6200.



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Tips for Transporting HHW

- Pack items carefully to prevent spillage.
- Cushion containers to prevent breakage.
- Pack similar chemical containers together (All yard products together, all paint products together, etc.)
- Make sure the containers are not leaking and lids are tightly sealed.
- Label materials that are not in their original containers.



When you arrive at our facility please do the following...

- Drive slowly between the orange cones once you enter.
- Pay attention to personnel and posted signs.
- Stop at the STOP sign and wait for further instructions.

For your safety:

- Put your vehicle in park, turn off the ignition and remain in your vehicle while you are being off-loaded.
- This is a no smoking facility.

Answers to Often Asked Questions

- Approximately 80% of all items we receive are recycled or used as an alternative fuel source.
- Proper disposal of your HHW items decreases contamination in our environment.
- Empty containers and dried latex paint should be placed in your regular trash.
- Our facility will temporarily close in the event of inclement weather. Please call 281.560.6230 for closure information.

Notice: This Service is for Residential Household Items Only. We Cannot Accept Business, Nonprofit, Church, or School Waste per State Rules.



For more information about our program, please visit www.HCHHW.org or call us at 281.560.6200. Also visit www.CleanWaterways.org to learn how to keep our bayous and rivers running clean!