

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event
Mitsubishi Motors – 100 N. Mitsubishi Motorway, Normal, Illinois
Oct. 5, 2013 from 8am to 3pm

TO ALL:

Please be aware of an Illinois EPA and Mitsubishi Motors collaboration for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection opportunity at Mitsubishi Motors at 100 N. Mitsubishi Motorway in Normal, Illinois.

This event is open to all Illinois residents.

Please be aware of this event in order to pass on this information to our customers needing to dispose of any of their household hazardous waste.

The attachment lists all items that will be accepted, as well as those that are not.

Thank you,

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Returns to McLean County: Illinois EPA and Mitsubishi Motors make October 2013 event possible

On October 5, 2013, McLean County residents have the second opportunity in two years for safe disposal of their Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW). The Ecology Action Center has received notification of funding from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a fall HHW collection; Mitsubishi Motors North America is generously providing their parking lots as a venue for the public event. Proper disposal of HHW items is crucial for the protection of local water supplies.

The October 5 HHW event will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free and open to all Illinois residents. Per state regulations only residential HHW can be collected – no business or commercially generated wastes may be accepted. Residents may enter the event via the main entrance at 100 N. Mitsubishi Motorway, in Normal.

For an efficient event and to minimize wait times, residents are encouraged to follow these guidelines:

- **Items that will be accepted** include oil-based paints, household batteries, paint thinners, used motor oil, herbicides, drain cleaners, insecticides, lawn chemicals, pesticides, solvents, old gasoline, antifreeze, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, cleaning products, aerosol paints and pesticides, mercury, fluorescent lamp bulbs, double bagged and wetted asbestos, old and outdated medicines and pharmaceuticals, and electronics.
- **Items that will *not* be accepted** include agricultural chemicals, propane tanks, business/commercial sector wastes, smoke detectors, explosives, farm machinery oil, fireworks, fire extinguishers, lead acid batteries, institutional wastes, medical wastes, sharps, needles and potentially infectious medical wastes.
- **Latex paint is not hazardous** and may be disposed of in household trash once it has been completely dried to a solid. This is easily accomplished by pouring the latex paint out onto several layers of newspaper or other disposable material in an appropriate amount and letting it air dry. Once it is dry and solidified it may be safely and legally thrown in the trash. This technique is only applicable to latex paints; oil paints are always considered hazardous and should be used up for their intended purpose or disposed of at a HHW event.

- Materials should be kept in original labeled packaging and containers - **do not mix materials together.**
- To reduce excessive traffic and waiting time at the event, residents are strongly encouraged to **work with their neighbors and friends, especially in helping the elderly,** to bring HHW materials from multiple households in one vehicle.
- Materials will only be accepted during the event hours – **dumping of materials before or after the event is illegal.**
- Volunteers are needed to help with traffic control at the event – please sign up at www.ecologyactioncenter.org.

Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes pollutes our local water supplies and environment. Whether it is thrown out with regular trash going to a municipal waste landfill, dumped illegally down the drain, storm sewer, or in a ditch, these actions compromise the safety of drinking water thereby threatening the health and well-being of area residents. The Ecology Action Center, a local leader in recycling and solid waste management efforts, receives inquiries daily from concerned residents who wish to dispose of materials properly. HHW collection events are the primary means for safe disposal of many of these materials.

The Ecology Action Center is a not-for-profit environmental agency with a mission to inspire and assist residents of McLean County in creating, strengthening and preserving a healthy environment. The EAC acts as a central resource for environmental education, information, outreach, and technical assistance in McLean County.

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