



SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF LAKE COUNTY, IL

## Member Services Bulletin

Please feel free to add this information to your website, newsletter, cable TV, or post in the village hall or administrative offices. For additional information, or to receive an electronic copy of this file, please contact Merleanne Rampale, SWALCO Public Information Officer at 847-336-9340 x 4 or via email at [mrampale@swalco.org](mailto:mrampale@swalco.org)

### SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Collections

**SWALCO** (the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) announces upcoming **HCW (Household Chemical Waste)** collections for spring. If you are cleaning your basement, garage or shed this spring and have unwanted HCW (Household Chemical Waste) items such as driveway sealer, oil-based paints, pool chemicals, garden and lawn chemicals, old gasoline, or other HCW products, take a look at the collection schedule. Items will be taken care of safely and conveniently. Did you know that SWALCO will also accept unwanted medications and prescriptions? Alkaline and rechargeable household batteries are accepted as well as fluorescent light bulbs/CFLs. Please check their website if you have questions regarding items that are accepted at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

All of SWALCO's Mobile HCW Collections are sponsored by SWALCO. They are for Illinois residents ONLY. There is no charge for residents. You do not need to reside in the community where the collection takes place in order to participate. All mobile events are held on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Upcoming events include:

- April 18 Fox Lake Streets Department, 216 Washington St., Fox Lake, Illinois
- May 2 Vernon Hills Metra Train Station, 75 E. Route 45 (Ranney Rd and Rt 45), Vernon Hills, IL
- June 6 Lake Zurich Middle School (former North Campus), 66-100 Church Street, Lake Zurich, IL

You can also bring your HCW to one of SWALCO's Year-Round Drop-off Events at their Gurnee facility. Register online on the collection events page. Sign up for one of the selected dates and available time slots and you will receive an email confirmation of your appointment. Drop-off events are scheduled multiple times per month, including the second Saturday of each month. Upcoming dates include:

**Saturday, April 11 and Wednesday, April 22.** Appointment is required. If you do not have access to a computer to schedule online, you can call the SWALCO office and register by phone at 847-336-9340.

A variety of common household materials can be brought to a HCW collection day, including:

<i>oil-based paints</i>	<i>used motor oil</i>	<i>mercury</i>	<i>solvents</i>
<i>paint remover</i>	<i>antifreeze</i>	<i>aerosol products</i>	<i>metal polishes</i>
<i>pesticides</i>	<i>old gasoline</i>	<i>hobby chemicals</i>	<i>pool chemicals</i>
<i>old medications</i>	<i>fluorescent bulb/cfls</i>	<i>household cleaners</i>	<i>household batteries</i>
<i>mercury (including thermometers and thermostats)</i>			
<i>unwanted medicines or prescriptions (people &amp; pet)</i>			

Business, institutional and commercial wastes, explosives (such as fireworks and ammunition), propane tanks, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, agricultural chemicals, medical wastes, household electronics and Latex paint **will not be accepted** at any of the agency's HCW events. Tires and lead acid batteries (auto and boat batteries) are also not accepted at these collections. These items can be recycled at a retail outlet that sells them. For information on what to do with Latex paint, including how to recycle and alternatives to disposal, (Ela Township's recycling program, Earth Paints and more) look on the Latex Paint Disposal page of the SWALCO website.

Upcoming collection dates will be announced and posted on our website as confirmed. If you have questions or would like to learn more about upcoming collections and other SWALCO programs, please visit [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) or call SWALCO (the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) at 847-336-9340. Sign up for e-list announcements to receive notices of upcoming SWALCO events and information.