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Help protect Norman's environment by bringing your household hazardous waste to Norman's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 3rd, in the southwest parking lot of the Lloyd Noble Center. Citizens coming to the event need to enter either from Jenkins or Chautauqua on the south side of Lloyd Noble Center at G. T. Blankenship Blvd. This free event is being offered to City of Norman residents only; proof of residence is required.

The collection provides an opportunity for Norman residents to get rid of dangerous items that can't be put in the waste stream or taken to the landfill.

City staff expects 1000 to 1200 vehicles to deliver hazardous materials. Last year over 100,000 pounds of chemicals, 720 tires, 400 automotive batteries, and 42,500 pounds of electronic equipment were collected in 5 hours. Volunteers unloaded an average of 3 to 4 cars every minute. Many items will be accepted at this event: such as oil, paint, kerosene, cleaners, pharmaceuticals (in original container with personal information marked through), pool chemicals, pesticides, computers and computer accessories, automobile and small truck tires (without rims) and many more things. Some of the items that *cannot* be accepted are radioactive waste, explosives, business generated waste, household trash, and compressed gas or containers. Products need to be kept in their original containers and chemicals should not be mixed. Re-usable household chemicals can be dropped off for redistribution to citizens. Free 5 gallon buckets of latex paint will be given away as it becomes available.

Staff is seeking volunteers to help with the event. Some of the work assignments will include setting up, surveying participants, traffic control, unloading materials, and bulking paint and oil.

For more information about the event or to volunteer, contact City of Norman's Environmental Services at 292-9731.

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