



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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MWRD, IEPA to host household hazardous waste collection at Brookfield Zoo on April 13

Who: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the Brookfield Zoo

What: Household Hazardous Waste Collection

When: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2019

Where: Brookfield Zoo, North Parking Lot, 8400 W. 31st St, Brookfield, IL

Area residents will be able to dispose of their household hazardous waste in an environmentally-friendly manner on Saturday, April 13 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brookfield Zoo, North Parking Lot, 8400 W. 31st St, Brookfield, IL.

Items that residents may bring include unwanted medicines, chemical cleaners, aerosol and oil-based paints, paint thinners, antifreeze, weed killers, insecticides, pesticides, and similar hazardous household products. Batteries and electronic waste will also be collected. Smoke detectors, agricultural chemicals, controlled substances and sharps will not be accepted. Latex paint is not considered hazardous; it can be dried and taken out with the regular trash.

Contractor, agricultural, business, governmental, commercial, industrial, school and/or public works waste cannot be accepted.

While they are routinely used to clean and maintain vehicles and gardens, household hazardous waste poses an environmental threat. Consumer product labels that include “danger,” “warning,” or “caution” are an indication that the product should be disposed of in a special manner.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Brookfield Zoo
8400 W. 31st St, Brookfield, IL, North parking lot
Saturday, April 13, 2019 • 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

FREE ZOO PARKING FOR PARTICIPANTS.

Waste must be dropped off in a car (no walk-ins).

Safely dispose of unwanted potentially dangerous and environmentally harmful household products such as:

Oil-based paints	Lawn chemicals	Cleaning products	Fluorescent lamp bulbs
Paint thinners	Pesticides	Hobby chemicals	Old and outdated medicines and pharmaceuticals
Used motor oil	Solvents	Aerosol paints and pesticides	Automotive and other lead-acid type batteries
Herbicides	Old gasoline	Mercury	Electronics (no TVs)
Drain cleaners	Antifreeze	Double bagged and wetted asbestos	
Insecticides	Pool chemicals		

We cannot process some waste. Do not bring:

Latex paint	Business/commercial sector wastes	Farm machinery oil	Medical wastes
Agricultural chemicals	Smoke detectors	Fireworks	Sharps, needles and potentially infectious medical wastes
Propane tanks	Explosives	Fire extinguishers	Medical wastes
Household batteries		Institutional wastes	TVs

As an added bonus, textiles, which are not considered hazardous waste, will be collected and donated. Textiles include: bedspreads, bedspreads and duvs, sheets, blankets, bath, kitchen items, curtains, handbags, hats, caps of fabric, plush toys, sofa covers, table bags, towels and washcloths. Questions? Visit www.mwr.org or call (312) 751-6633.

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If residents are unable to participate, the city of Chicago offers a permanent collection site at 1150 N. North Branch on Goose Island. It is open Tues: 7 a.m. – noon; Thurs.: 2 p.m. – 7 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. More information is available by calling the city at 312-744-3060 or by visiting the website at https://chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/healthy_communities/svcs/household-chemicals--computer-recycling-facility-overview.html

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