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waste with properties that make it potentially dangerous or harmful to human health or the environment. The scope of hazardous wastes is very large and diverse. Hazardous wastes can be liquids, solids, or contained gases. Household Hazardous waste can be a multitude of items you may not even think about.

The Environmental Protection Agency considers many leftover household products that can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances, or that are corrosive or toxic as household hazardous waste. Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides can contain hazardous ingredients and require special care when you dispose of them.

WHAT SHOULD 1 DO?

To avoid the potential risks associated with household hazardous wastes, it is important that people always monitor the use, storage, and disposal of products with potentially hazardous substances in their homes. Improper disposal of HHW can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the regular trash.



Examples of Hazardous Household Items:

Pool chemicals Prescription medications Oil & Latex Paint Motor oil Aerosol containers Antifreeze Gasoline Cleaning materials Adhesives & glues Solvents Batteries Fire extinguishers Florescent Bulbs Bug spray Needles & syringes Most small electronics TVs & computers Propane **Pesticides** Propane cylinders Smoke detectors Fertilizers Microwaves Cell phones

The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. Certain types of HHW have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers, contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets. They can also present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

Always follow all instructions and label information provided on items for proper usage, storage, and disposal. You can call the DEP at 304-558-5938 for household hazardous waste questions and help. Call 1-800-642-3074 to report a spill.

Learn more at: https://www.epa.gov/hw/household-hazardous-waste-hhw

DID YOU KNOW? Asbestos has very useful physical properties that make it a very good material to use for fire protection and thermal insulation. However, it also happens to be incredibly hazardous to human health if airborne fibers are inhaled.

St. Albans "Take A Walk on The Wild Side" Spring Nature Hikes

St. Albans Parks and Recreation hosts and sponsors the Annual St. Albans WV Parks and Recreation "Take A Walk On The Wild Side" Nature Hikes held at the St. Albans City Park on Saturday, April 9 th from 9:00am to 12:00 pm and will be followed by a free Tree Pruning Workshop from 1:00pm -**3:00pm.** The 2022 event will be the 8th annual event.

There is NO FEE CHARGED for this family-based community event. The St. Albans Parks & Rec Dept. has hosted up to 250 participants that come to hike and learn about nature, the environment, wildflowers, insects, birds, butterflies, and photography. Hikes are led by professional botanists, naturalists, photographers, and Master Naturalists from around West Virginia that volunteer their time.

This year's theme is "Earth, Wind, and Fire". These topics are at the forefront of all that we are experiencing locally and world-wide.







- The West Virginia Conservation Agency will provide the Soil Tunnel Trailer that is a large hands-on display that participants walk through and learn about life in the soil. This will be accompanied by the WV State University 4-H Extension providing participants with information about the importance of earthworms and other pertinent information.
- WV Division of Forestry and the St. Albans Fire Department will present programs about fire safety and the effects of fire in the environment. A fire truck and emergency vehicle will be on site for participants to see and learn about.
- "Blown Away" will be a fun activity for kids in addition to the Wind Tunnel hosted by the National Weather Service to learn about the benefits and impacts of the wind on our environment. WV DEP DAQ will provide displays to illustrate air movement, pollution, and wind affects on the environment.
- The St. Albans Branch of the Kanawha County Library provide activities and a Story Walk for the children and their parents. A pruning workshop offered by the West Virginia State University Extension will also take place immediately following the hikes.
- The St. Albans Stormwater Program (MS4 Program) provides rain barrels and hands on information for folks that are interested in purchasing and building their own rain barrel.
- Publicity is accomplished primarily through posters, Facebook, emails, radio, public service announcements, and a series of banners placed throughout St. Albans.
- The St. Albans Parks & Rec Dept. operates on a limited budget and this event is largely unfunded and reliant upon sponsorships, volunteers, and outside funding. Gifts provided by our sponsors are given away during the event.

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953.17 SET-OUT TIME FOR REFUSE, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS.

All residential garbage, curbside recycling and yard waste collections will be normally made between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the designated collection day. Refuse containers, refuse bags, garbage can liners, bulky waste, recycling containers, and/or yard waste containers shall be set out at the refuse collection site, curbside or alley, on the designated collection day before 6:00 a.m. and no earlier than 7:00 p.m. of the day preceding the regular collection day. Refuse containers, refuse bags, garbage can liners, bulky waste, recycling containers, and/or yard waste containers shall be removed from the refuse collection site no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the regular collection. The owner, tenant, lessee, occupant, or agent of any property shall promptly clean up and remove any scattered solid waste, rejected items, recyclable material and/or yard waste from the property before 9:00 p.m. on the day of the scheduled date of regular collection. (Ord. 2002-04. Passed 1-22-02.)