



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 indica-



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tion that the product should be disposed of in a special manner.

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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