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Calvert County to Hold Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day *Sept. 15 Event Offers Free Waste Disposal for County Residents*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Aug. 24, 2012 – The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Division of Solid Waste, is hosting a household hazardous waste collection day on Saturday, Sept. 15, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Community Center, 104 Pushaw Station Road, Sunderland. The event will give Calvert County residents the opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous substances free of charge.

During the collection day, a licensed contractor will collect household hazardous waste for proper disposal. Collection is limited to Calvert County residents only and proof of residency, like a tax or utility bill or driver's license, is required. Commercial businesses are prohibited.

The service ensures that Calvert County meets all state and federal requirements with regard to the safe collection of household hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste commonly found in the home includes materials such as oil-based paints, pool chemicals, solvents, fertilizers, prescription drugs, explosives and other items usually labeled with the words "DANGER," "POISON" or "WARNING." These items should be separated from regular household trash and disposed of in an environmentally friendly way.

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Latex paint, however, is not hazardous and may be thrown out with regular trash once it has dried. Small amounts of latex paint can be left to dry in an open can. Larger amounts can be combined with oil absorbent, kitty litter or paint hardener until it is hard.

County residents may drop off trash, recyclables and certain other materials at customer convenience centers and the Appeal Landfill, including motor oil and oil filters, antifreeze, batteries, electronics and all types of light bulbs.

Hazardous waste collection days are held four times a year in Calvert County -- one Saturday in March and September at the Mt. Hope Community Center and one Saturday in June and November at the Appeal Landfill.

For more information, call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Division of Solid Waste, at 410-326-0210 or visit the Calvert County website at www.co.cal.md.us for a full listing of materials accepted.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to more than 92,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.