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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events Announced for Eight Locations This Fall

One-day events to be held to supplement five long-term collection locations

Springfield – Illinois EPA Director James Jennings is announcing Fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) one-day collection events that will be held in eight communities throughout Illinois. These collection events are co-sponsored by units of local government and provide residents the opportunity to safely dispose of unused or leftover hazardous products commonly found in homes at no cost.

“Illinois residents have benefited from our Household Hazardous Waste collection events since the program’s inception in 1989,” **said Director Jennings**. “Through our many partnerships with local governments, nearly 80,000 drums of household chemicals and other hazardous products have been collected and properly disposed of, providing a safer and healthier environment.”

These one-day HHW collection events are open to all Illinois residents and operate on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the event. Pre-registration is required for all Fall 2026 collection events. Residents participating are encouraged to bring chemical cleaners, oil-based paints, thinners, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, kerosene, weed killers, insecticides, and pesticides, and other similar hazardous household products. Fluorescent and other high-intensity discharge lamps may also be brought to the collections. **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED** include latex paint, explosives, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, agricultural chemicals, and business wastes. A complete list of wastes that are and are not accepted is available online at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/acceptable-wastes.html>.

Illinois EPA provides the following tips to safely transport household hazardous waste:

- Pack HHW items in a disposable box to avoid spilling during transport.
- Keep like chemicals together and separate unlike chemicals.
- Secure lids and make sure containers are not leaking.
- Place box(es) in the empty trunk or storage compartment of your vehicle, away from passengers.
- **Remain in vehicle at the collection site.** On-site personnel will remove the HHW from your vehicle.

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The Fall 2026 one-day collections are scheduled on Saturdays and require pre-registration:

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS	Co-Sponsor/Public Contacts
August 22	Bloomington <i>McLean County</i> Registration Link	The Interstate Center (McLean County Fairgrounds) 1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington, IL 61705	Ecology Action Center kvogler@ecologyactioncenter.org 309-454-3169
September 19	Quincy <i>Adams County</i> Registration Link	Adams County Highway Department 101 North 54 th St Quincy, IL 62305	Adams County Health Department health@adamscountyil.gov 217-222-8440
September 26	Champaign <i>Champaign County</i> Registration Link	State Farm Center (Southwest Lot) 1800 South 1 st Street Champaign, IL 61820	Champaign County Recycling4034780@gmail.com 217-403-4780
October 3	Mattoon <i>Coles County</i> Registration Link TBA	Coles County Memorial Airport 432 Airport Road Mattoon, IL 61938	Coles County Regional Planning & Development Commission 217-348-0521
October 10	East Moline <i>Rock Island County</i> Registration Link TBA	Rock Island County Fairgrounds 4200 Archer Drive East Moline, IL 61244	Rock Island County Waste Management Agency ricwma@gmail.com 309-788-8925
October 17	Springfield <i>Sangamon County</i> Registration Link TBA	Chamberlain Park 319 McCreery Avenue Springfield, IL 62701	City of Springfield public.works@springfield.il.us 217-789-4020
October 24	Decatur <i>Macon County</i> Registration Link TBA	Progress City East Sixth Progress Street Decatur, IL 62521	Macon County Environmental Management MCEMD@maconcounty.illinois.gov 217-425-4505
October 31	Lockport <i>Will County</i> Registration Link TBA	Shiloh Baptist Church 18101 West Oak Avenue Lockport, IL 60441	Representative Dagmara Avelar info@repdagmara.org 815-372-0085

In addition to the one-day collections, the following long-term collection facilities are available for the disposal of HHW throughout the year:

- **Naperville**, 156 Fort Hill Drive (immediately North of Naperville Public Works), DuPage County, www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx
Hours: Saturdays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Sundays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Phone: 630-420-6095

- **Naperville**, 156 Fort Hill Drive (immediately North of Naperville Public Works), DuPage County, www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx
Hours: Saturdays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Sundays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Phone: 630-420-6095
- **Rockford**, Four Rivers Sanitation Authority, 3333 Kishwaukee, Winnebago County
<https://www.rockfordil.gov/492/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal>
Hours: Saturdays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Sundays Noon – 4:00 PM, Phone: 779-348-7425
- **Chicago**, Goose Island, 1150 North Branch, Cook County
https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/env/supp_info/environmental-permitting-and-inspection/hccrf.html
Hours: Tuesdays 7:00 AM – Noon, Thursdays 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM, and
First Saturday of every month 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Phone: 312-744-3060
- **Lake County**, The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) currently operates a long-term household chemical waste collection program. Information and a collection schedule can be found on their website (www.swalco.org) or by calling 847-336-9340.
- **Madison County**, Madison County Building & Zoning, 249 N. Old St. Louis Road, Wood River, Madison County
https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/planning_and_development/recycle_events.php
Hours: First Saturday and Third Friday of every Month 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. **Appointments are required.** See website to schedule your appointment. Questions: 618-296-5237 or recycling@co.madison.il.us

For questions concerning the Illinois EPA's one-day or long-term collections, please contact the Illinois EPA Materials Management Unit at 217-524-3300. The HHW collection schedule is also available on the Illinois EPA website at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/collections.html>. Illinois EPA HHW collections continue to be contactless for the safety of participants and workers. Collection events are funded through the Illinois EPA's Solid Waste Management Fund.

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