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Household hazardous waste collections planned in Lee and Lenox

The Center for Ecological Technology is coordinating two household hazardous waste collections in July for South Berkshire Towns. On Saturday, July 12, CET will conduct a comprehensive hazardous waste collection from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lee DPW, 45 Railroad Street.

All manner of household hazardous waste will be accepted at this collection—including oil-based paints, stains, varnishes, thinners, solvent adhesives, lighter fluid, fuels, antifreeze, polishes, pool chemicals, insecticides, fertilizers and weed killers, moth balls, poisons, flea control products, rubber cement, photo chemicals, chemistry sets, artist supplies, mercury thermometers and thermostats, compact and tube fluorescent lamps and much more.

On Wednesday, July 30, CET will coordinate a mini-site collection of oil paint, stains, paint thinners, and turpentine, as well as waste motor oil at the Lenox Department of Public Works. This collection will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Pre-registration with CET is required for both collections.

These programs are sponsored by the 15 towns that form the South Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Collaborative. The participating towns are: Alford, Becket, Egremont, Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Richmond, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham and West Stockbridge.

Latex paint will not be accepted at either event. Empty or dried-up cans of latex paint can be disposed with the regular trash. Empty cans of oil-based paint, stains and solvents can be disposed with the regular trash as well. Usable paint can be given away through freecycle.org or some non-profits.

To pre-register or for information about what can be brought to either of these collections, visit www.cetonline.org or email amandad@cetonline.org. Or call Amanda at 413-445-4556 ext. 17. Residents from communities that are not participating should call their City or Town Hall for information about household hazardous product collections.

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