

CHEMICAL CLEAN SWEEP: Pre-registration Required

A farm and household chemical Clean Sweep is being held in Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties during the month of September. Farm and household chemicals, pesticides, poison, and other hazardous wastes will be accepted at this year's Clean Sweep. This hazardous waste collection is being offered to homeowners, farmers and rural landowners. Farms are defined as agricultural operations that are utilizing but not selling chemicals. Businesses and municipalities will also be able to contract for waste disposal at this Clean Sweep.

Clean Sweep collections are funded through grants from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). These collections are meant to improve safety in homes, at work, and on the farm. Old or unwanted chemicals can create safety hazards to people and livestock through spills or container leaks. This program also helps reduce the risk of environmental contamination. Spills or leaks of even small amounts of chemicals or pesticides can contaminate drinking water or make its way into rivers and streams.

This Clean Sweep will be held from 8:00 am to noon in each county over three Saturdays in September. The Grant County Clean Sweep will be held September 9 in Lancaster at the Premier Coop Agronomy Center, Iowa County's will be held September 16 in Dodgeville at the Iowa County Highway Department, and the Lafayette County collection will be held September 23 in Darlington at the Lafayette County Highway Department. Residents may use the site that is most convenient for them.

Due to substantial budget constraints there will be a **\$10 fee** for each vehicle participating in the chemical collection. This collection is budgeted for small quantities of chemicals, for any amounts over 200 pounds, please call your Extension Office to arrange an estimate on cost of disposal.

A Clean Sweep is not meant for common non-hazardous house hold waste, or waste that has alternative means of disposal. As an example, lead based paint is accepted, however, latex paint will not be accepted. **Latex based paint can be left open to allow to air dry or filled with kitty litter to solidify and then disposed of as household waste.** No oil or antifreeze will be accepted, these items can be disposed of through local service centers. To further clarify, this Clean Sweep will not accept the following items: empty oil or paint cans, propane cylinders, explosives, smoke detectors, any fertilizer or fertilizer containers. Medical waste will **NOT** be accepted, medical waste can be disposed of through local law enforcement collection programs. Aerosol spray cans and mercury thermometers will be accepted at the clean sweep.

To participate in the Clean Sweep, county residents must pre-register by calling the Grant County UW-Extension office at (608) 723-2125, Iowa County Extension office at (608) 930-9850, or the Lafayette County Extension office at (608) 776-4820. Please be prepared to give the types of hazardous waste, liquid or solid that will be brought to the disposal site and the amounts. Any chemicals that aren't registered will have to be turned away. Businesses and municipalities can dispose of chemicals at this Clean Sweep by pre-registering and receiving an assessment of disposal cost with payment made prior

to the clean sweep dates. There is no charge for an estimate of disposal cost for businesses and municipalities.

In addition to the chemical clean sweep, Resource Solutions will be on hand at each site to recycle computers, electronics, and appliances. The following items can be disposed of free of charge: CPU's, laptops, keyboards, computer mice, computer cords, circuit boards, power strips, calculators, scanners, printer cables, printers, small copiers, telephones, cell phones, fax machines, VCR's, DVD players, stereo equipment, remote controls, networking equipment, lead acid car batteries, rechargeable batteries from laptops, cell phones, and power tools, Christmas lights, extension cords, electric motors, pots and pans, ceiling fans, box fans, snow blowers, grills, and George Foreman Grills.

A charge will be applied to the following items collected by Resource Solutions: computer monitors CRT and LCD (flat screen) are \$20 each, televisions 29" and under - \$20 each, 30" to 49" - \$40 each, 50" and over and wooden console or projection TVs are \$60 each. Large copy machines - \$15 each, lawn mowers - \$25 each (oil and gas must be drained and tires removed). Appliances such as microwaves are \$15 each, treadmills at \$15 each, stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, and furnaces are \$25 each. Freon-containing appliances are \$20-\$35 for air conditioners, dehumidifiers, with dorm size refrigerators at \$20 each (NO FULL SIZE refrigerators taken). Fluorescent light bulbs, 4' and 8' are \$1 each.