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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Rock Island County Fairgrounds**

Got oil-based paint? Old household cleaning supplies? Lawn and garden chemicals? Illinois residents with these and other types of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) who are looking to clear them out of their basements and garages will have the opportunity to dispose of these materials at a free upcoming HHW collection event.

**The event is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 7 at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds, 4200 Archer Drive, East Moline. This opportunity for safe, legal disposal of HHW items is open to all Illinois residents.**

**Reserve your drop-off time by visiting:** <https://signup.com/go/XFZzDDa> or scan the QR code with your mobile device.



Waste material accepted at the event are:

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| – Oil-based paints    | – Pesticides                    | – Mercury  |
| – Household batteries | – Antifreeze                    | – Drain cleaners   |
| – Used motor oil      | – Old gasoline                  | – Acids  |
| – Paint thinners      | – Hobby chemicals               | – Corrosives   |
| – Herbicides          | – Pool chemicals                | – Unwanted medications (excludes<br>Controlled Substances) |
| – Lawn chemicals      | – Aerosol paints and pesticides |  |
| – Insecticides        | – Cleaning products             |  |
| – Solvents            | – Fluorescent lamp bulbs        |  |

**Residents should note that latex paint WILL NOT be accepted at the event.** Latex paint is not hazardous. It can be safely discarded in a regular trash receptacle once it is dried out. Removing the lid of the paint can and leaving it open to the air will allow it to dry over a period of days.

**Other materials that will not be accepted at the event include:**

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| – Agricultural wastes               | – Fireworks             |
| – Propane Tanks                     | – Fire extinguishers    |
| – Business/commercial sector wastes | – Controlled substances |
| – Smoke detectors                   | – Biohazard waste       |
| – Explosives and ammunition         | – Lead acid batteries   |
| – Farm machinery oil                | – Institutional wastes  |

The event is a collaborative effort by the Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

For more information, residents may visit the RICWMA website at [www.ricwma.org](http://www.ricwma.org) or call at (309) 788-8925.

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