



Serving You, Your Family & Our Community

## SHIAWASSEE COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM



*Shiawassee County Health Department (SCHD) entered into a partnership with the City of Owosso, Mid-county Sewerage District, Caledonia Charter Township, Owosso Charter Township, Shiawassee Township, Friends of the Shiawassee River, Shiawassee Conservation District, Michigan State University Extension Service and Waste Management - Venice Park Recycling to develop a household hazardous waste collection program for Shiawassee County residents. Grant money was received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to pay for the construction of a permanent facility, disposal costs, and operation costs for 2 years. Thereafter the program was to be self-sustained for at least an additional 8 years through countywide support.*

### **What is Household Hazardous Waste?**

*Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is any household item that contains TOXIC, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, or REACTIVE material. Shiawassee County's population has the potential to produce over 500,000 pounds of unregulated household hazardous waste annually. Most of our HHW is stored in our homes, dumped in our backyards, and poured into our septic systems. On occasion HHW finds its way into our drains and rivers. This program will serve to protect our environment and our community from these harmful materials. So far in Shiawassee County, HHW collections have received **159,576 lbs. of hazardous waste that has been recycled, reused or processed in an environmentally friendly manner.***

### **When will collections be held?**

*Collections will be held at least once per year **pending funding**. The next collection will be held **October 24, 2015 between 8 am – noon (or earlier if trailer reaches weight capacity.)***

### **Where will the collection be held?**

*The location of the collection will be just north of VG's Grocery Store on Chippewa Trail near the Owosso Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

### **Who can participate?**

*Any Shiawassee County resident can participate at **NO COST!** Proof of residency such as a driver's license will be required.*

### **What will be accepted?**

*The following materials will be accepted:*

- Oil-based paints and varnishes
- Wood preservatives
- Cleaning solvents
- Pesticides and weed killers
- Household batteries



- *Oven cleaners*
- *Mothballs*
- *Transmission fluid and antifreeze*
- *Pressurized cans*
- *Metallic mercury (thermometers and fluorescent bulbs)*
- *Lead (found in shot and sinkers)*

### **What will NOT be accepted?**

*Household materials will be accepted but not materials used for commercial purposes at industrial establishments, including schools, farms, and businesses. The following materials will NOT be accepted:*

- *Latex paint*
- *Used motor oil*
- *Automobile batteries*
- *Explosives*
- *Tires*
- *Recyclables normally accepted at local recycling drop-off centers*

### **Handling and Transportation of Materials**

*Please put closed containers in boxes and place them in the trunk of your car. Do not mix materials. Do not carry boxes or containers in your lap. Staff will remove the material from your trunk when you arrive at the facility. You will not even need to leave your car. Licensed haulers will be contracted to transport the material to be recycled, reused, or disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.*

### **How can I find out more information?**

*For more information call the Shiawassee County Health Department at 989-743-2392.*

