

February 22, 2016

Beaufort County Offers Collection Event for Household Hazardous Materials and Medicine

The Beaufort County Public Works Department, Solid Waste and Recycling Section, is holding a free household hazardous materials and medicine collection event for County residents, with the support of the Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), Beaufort Memorial LifeFit, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the U.S. Marine Corps Drug Demand Reduction Team. The one-day event is intended to prevent improper disposal of these items and will be held Saturday, March 5, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at both of the County's Public Works locations—9 Benton Field Road in Bluffton and 140 Shanklin Road in Beaufort.

Residents may dispose of unwanted cleaning products, harmful chemicals, and expired or unused medicine. Examples include cleaning materials, batteries, paint, thinners, antifreeze, automotive and boat products, fire extinguishers, fluorescent bulbs, gasoline, hobby chemicals, insecticides, oil, photography chemicals, poisons, propane tanks, stains, varnishes, tires, and turpentine. These items are commonly marked with the words "Warning", "Danger", or "Caution".

Expired or unused medicine, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and herbal supplements, will be collected by BCSO personnel. **Ammunition, fireworks, medical waste, smoke detectors, and syringes will not be collected.** To help ensure safe transport and collection of items, residents should ensure lids and caps are tightened. Items should be left in their original containers and positioned in a box which should be placed in the vehicle's trunk or back seat. Keeping hazardous materials separate from medicines will speed up collection efforts.

Only residential materials will be accepted at this event. Commercial contractors or businesses with hazardous materials should contact the Solid Waste and Recycling Office at 843-255-2736. For assistance with proper disposal of unwanted household medicines before or after the collection event, contact the BCSO non-emergency number at 843-255-3200. For more information about Beaufort County's recycling events, visit www.bcgov.net/recycle.

Beaufort County HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ROUNDUP & Medicine Cabinet Clean-Out

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
TWO LOCATIONS!

PUBLIC WORKS NORTH
140 Shanklin Rd., Beaufort

PUBLIC WORKS SOUTH
9 Benton Field Rd., Bluffton

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- ✓ Antifreeze
- ✓ Automotive and Boat Products
- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Cleaning Products
- ✓ Fire Extinguishers
- ✓ Fluorescent Bulbs
- ✓ Gasoline
- ✓ Hobby Chemicals
- ✓ Insecticides
- ✓ Oil
- ✓ Paint
- ✓ Photography Chemicals
- ✓ Poisons
- ✓ Propane Tanks
- ✓ Stains and Varnishes
- ✓ Tires
- ✓ Turpentine
- ✓ Other Items (with labels that have words like WARNING, DANGER or CAUTION)
- ✓ Unwanted Medicine* (including prescription and over-the-counter drugs, vitamins and herbal supplements)

* This effort is part of an amnesty event to remove potentially dangerous medications from circulation. It is sponsored by the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office and partnering agencies.



PREPARING YOUR ITEMS:

- Tighten caps and lids.
- Leave materials in original containers.
- Pack containers in a box.
- Place the box in the trunk or the back of your vehicle.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- ✗ Ammunition
- ✗ Fireworks
- ✗ Medical Waste
- ✗ Smoke Detectors
- ✗ Syringes

MEDICINE CABINET CLEAN-OUT SPONSORS:

- Beaufort County Solid Waste & Recycling
- Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, Drug Investigations Section, Alcohol & Drug Abuse
- S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

This event is for Beaufort County **RESIDENTS ONLY. NO BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS!** Businesses and commercial contractors with hazardous products should call 843-255-2736 for more information.

Call **843-255-2736** or visit www.bcgov.net/recycle for more information about this event.

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