

February 17, 2017

Beaufort County Offers Collection Event for Household Hazardous Materials

The Beaufort County Public Works Department, Solid Waste and Recycling Section, with the support of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, is holding a free household hazardous materials collection event for Beaufort County residents. The one-day event is intended to prevent improper disposal of these items and will be held Saturday, March 4, 2017, 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 and harmful chemicals. 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".

Ammunition, fireworks, medical waste, smoke detectors, and syringes will **not** be collected. Also, this event will **not** include collection of expired or unused medicine. For information regarding proper disposal of these items, please contact the non-emergency number at the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office - 843-255-3200.

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.

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 more information about Beaufort County's recycling events, visit www.bcgov.net/recycle.