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Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) will host a Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event. The event will be held in the Silsbee High School parking lot at 1575 Highway 96 N. in Silsbee, Texas. The event is open to all southeast Texas households; therefore, businesses are not eligible to participate.

During this event, the SETRPC collects items that could pose health and environmental risks if disposed of improperly. According to Bob Dickinson, Director of Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, "The average home can accumulate 100 pounds of hazardous waste in a garage or in the cabinets at home. It's imperative that Southeast Texans take a proactive approach in properly disposing these items not only to protect their own health but the quality of life in our region."

Starting this year, a cash disposal fee of \$3.00 is required for each tire (limit 20). Tires over 20" or on rims will not be accepted. SETRPC will limit the amount of paint collected to 10 1-gallon paint cans and 2 5-gallon paint cans. Materials not accepted during this event include electronics, appliances, oversized tires, explosives, ammunition, garbage, scrap metal, mercury, smoke detectors, exit signs, medical waste and medications/pharmaceuticals.

The SETRPC will accept household hazardous items including cleaners, antifreeze, car batteries, used oil, insecticides, swimming pool chemicals, and much more. "It's not acceptable to throw batteries, paint, or other hazardous waste in a trash can. Once these items get to the landfill, they release pollutants which contribute to poor air quality. Southeast Texans are encouraged to do their part to protect the health of their neighbors and the environment by properly disposing of their hazardous waste during this collection event," says Shanna Burke, SETRPC Executive Director.

For more information about items accepted during this event call 409 899-8444 ext. 7520.

The HHW event is a program of the SETRPC through a grant provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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