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Hazardous Household Waste Collection to be Held on August 15

Pre-registered Northampton, Florence, and Leeds residents may bring hazardous household waste (HHW) for safe disposal to the City of Northampton's annual HHW collection event on August 15, 2020. Online pre-registration is required, and space is limited. The event will be held in the rear parking lot of Smith Vocational High School, located at 80 Locust Street in Northampton.

A wide range of unwanted household products with labels indicating the need for special handling or disposal will be accepted, as well as rechargeable, "button" and other non-alkaline batteries, fluorescent bulbs, ballasts, and mercury-bearing thermostats and thermometers. For more information and a list of accepted items, visit www.northamptonma.gov/1826.

Important details:

- The City will cover the disposal cost of up to 25 gallons or pounds of material for City households.
- Residential participants will be required to pay a disposal fee for any material above that amount. Disposal fees will also apply for fluorescent bulbs (\$1.00-2.00 each), antifreeze (\$4.00/gal), and ballasts (\$3.00 each).
- Online pre-registration is required by midnight on August 12, 2020 (via northamptonma.gov/1826). City residents without computer access may call 413-587-1570 to register. No drop-ins will be accepted.
- Participants will be given a 30-minute appointment window. Additional instructions will be provided to registered participants.
- Northampton small businesses and institutions may qualify to participate on a fee-based basis.

Call 413-587-1570 for details.

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