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ST. CHARLES AND ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH INDUSTRIES HOST 18th ANNUAL
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION DAY ON APRIL 16th!

For the 18th year, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes industries will host the annual Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016. St. James Parish, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry are also supporting the event. The goal of this event is to provide households an opportunity to properly dispose or recycle materials that are inappropriate for curbside pickup. Jay Lambremont with Marathon Petroleum Company and Lynette Currier with OxyChem – Taft are the event coordinators for local industries sponsoring the event. Lynette Currier said, “Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this annual event! We have two locations: one in St. Charles Parish on the west bank and another in St. John the Baptist Parish on the east bank. We urge everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. Please clean out hazardous materials from your garage, utility room or shed and properly dispose of these wastes on April 16th at one of these two available sites.”

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The collection locations are in St. John the Baptist Parish at the Plaza LaPlace Shopping Center at 1921 Airline Highway in LaPlace, known as the New Wine Ministries parking lot and in St. Charles in Luling at the School Board Office parking lot, located at 13855 River Road. (Even though New Wine Ministries experienced significant damage during the February 23rd tornado, the site is available for this event.)

With support from Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, this event is sponsored by the following 23 local companies as a community service: Air Liquide, Air Products, ArcelorMittal, Arkema, Bunge, Chemours (formerly DuPont – Burnside), Cornerstone Chemical Company, Denka Performance Elastomer, Dow, DuPont, Entergy, Evonik Corporation, Galata Chemicals, Hexion, Marathon Petroleum Company, Monsanto, Nalco Champion, Norco Manufacturing Complex (Motiva/Shell), Nucor, OxyChem, Praxair, Shell Pipeline Company, Valero and Yuhuang Chemical, Inc. In addition to these sponsor companies, United Way of St. Charles is serving as the fiscal agent for this annual event and Pin Oak Terminals made a \$500 donation.

Jay Lambremont explained, “We are looking forward to collecting household hazardous materials from our community again this year. Please visit the event website for event details and ongoing recycling opportunities at www.hhmcd.com.” He continued, “At last year’s Household Hazardous Materials Collection event, with 71 volunteers, we collected over 37 ½ tons of potentially harmful materials and prepared them for recycling, recovery, treatment or disposal. We unloaded materials from 523 vehicles at both locations.” According to statistics gathered, the largest recycling category was 19,029 pounds of used electronics and 10,000 pounds of paint was collected to be recycled.

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The following household hazardous materials **will be accepted** and properly disposed of or recycled: oil-based paint, latex paint, solvents, tires (limit five per vehicle and one delivery only), automotive and other rechargeable batteries, household cleaning products, acids/bases, used oil, antifreeze, aerosol cans, fluorescent lamps, pesticides, herbicides, scrap metal, major appliances and used electronics, such as used computers, copiers, printers, radios, TVs and other electronic devices. We **cannot accept** explosives, ammunition, infectious medical wastes, unidentifiable materials, compressed gas cylinders (including propane tanks), radioactive wastes (smoke alarms), asbestos, high school lab wastes or commercial/governmental facility waste, including in-home business waste. There is a limit of five tires per vehicle.

Please visit one of the two event sites on Saturday, April 16, 2016. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please send an email to the Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day hotline at hotline@hnmcd.com.