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# News

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### NEARLY 3,000 RESIDENTS DISPOSED OF 270,760 POUNDS

#### OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE IN PARAMUS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

**Little Ferry, N.J. , October 28, 2011**—The Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) conducted the seventh of eight household hazardous waste collection events on Sunday, October 16th in Paramus. Nearly 3,000 residents disposed of 270,760 pounds at this event. Household hazardous waste was accepted from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus, Rd. To date in 2011, nearly 10,000 Bergen County residents have taken advantage of this important environmental program to dispose of hazardous material in an environmentally safe manner.

“Most residents have some of these unwanted materials in their homes and the BCUA collection program is a great opportunity to dispose of them properly and safely,” said BCUA Chairman Andrew “Chuck” Vaccaro. “I encourage all Bergen County residents to get involved and help protect and preserve our environment. It is important to keep these dangerous contaminants out of the solid waste stream and our waterways.”

Our **final collection event of the year** is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th at Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah. Some of the common household items that are accepted include aerosol cans, anti-freeze, batteries (vehicle and rechargeable only), disinfectants, fertilizer, fire extinguishers, fluorescent lights, gasoline, herbicides, insecticides, paints (all types), solvents, used motor oil and filters, and varnishes. A complete listing and is available online at [www.bcua.org](http://www.bcua.org). Please call 201-807-5825 with any questions.

Materials should be in original containers and labeled. Unlabeled waste or containers with unknown contents will not be accepted. Other unacceptable materials include alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) medical waste, radioactive material, explosives, containers larger than five gallons, compressed cylinders (oxygen and acetylene), and pressure treated lumber or railroad ties. Please **do not bring** computers, electronics or tires to hazardous waste collections. For assistance with the disposal of computers, electronics, tires and other unacceptable waste, please call 201-807-5825.

Businesses must pre-register prior to attending BCUA sponsored collection events and a disposal fee will be charged. Please call 201-807-5825 for additional information.