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# News

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### OVER 1,400 RESIDENTS DISPOSED OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

#### IN MAHWAH ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

**Little Ferry, N.J.** , —The Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) conducted the final household hazardous waste collection event of 2011 on Saturday, November 19th in Mahwah. 1,431 residents participated in this final event of the year. A total of 111,870 lbs. of household hazardous waste was accepted from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah. During the seven prior collection events held in 2011, nearly 10,800 Bergen County residents took advantage of this important environmental program to dispose of 906,215 lbs. of household 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.”

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 schedule of events are 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.