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# News

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### OVER 1,300 RESIDENTS DISPOSED OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

#### IN MAHWAH ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 10TH

**Little Ferry, N.J. , Sept. 21, 2011**—The Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) conducted the sixth of eight household hazardous waste collection events on Saturday, September 10th in Mahwah. Over 1,300 residents participated in this event. Household hazardous waste was accepted from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah. To date in 2011, over 6,000 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 next collection event is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Rd., Paramus. 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.