

Hazardous Waste, Recycling & Paper Shred Event – September 30

Area citizens and businesses are invited to participate in the upcoming hazardous waste, recycling and paper shred event collection set for Saturday, September 30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The event will be conducted at the Savanna Shopko Hometown Store west parking lot entrance, which is west of Main Street (Rt. 84) and south of downtown Savanna, IL.

Several categories collected at the event include fees to cover a portion of recycling processing and transfer expense.

The household hazardous waste (HHW) fee is \$10 per participating household. Items accepted include oil-based paints and thinners; aerosol paints; household chemical and drain cleaners; old motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline and kerosene; driveway sealers; lawn chemicals and pesticides; adhesives; mercury thermometers and thermostats. Items not accepted under HHW include explosives, agricultural chemicals, latex paint and business wastes.

Latex paints are not considered a hazardous waste but will also be accepted for a recycling fee costing \$2.50 for a quart container, \$4.00 for a gallon container, \$6.00 for a two gallon container and \$11 for a five gallon container.

Paper shredding is being offered on-site with a \$2.00 per household participation fee. There is no limit on paper quantities.

Certain electronics will be collected for a \$25 fee per item and include computer monitors/screens, laptops, and televisions of any type. Large household appliances will be accepted for \$10 per item and include refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, microwaves, etc.

Compact and large fluorescent bulbs will also be accepted for a charge with bulbs under four feet costing \$1.00 each and bulbs four feet and over costing \$2.00 each.

Free recycling categories include most small electronic items such as desktop computer towers (no screens), VCRs, DVD players, printers, keyboards, mice, cords, cables, phones, radios, speakers, copiers, and cell phones.

Small household appliances are also accepted at no charge and include vacuum cleaners, coffee and bread makers, toaster ovens, small saws, drills, holiday lights, hair dryers and more.

Batteries are also accepted for free and include all types of alkaline, lithium, rechargeable, and large lead-acid vehicle and machinery batteries. Unwanted medicines and pharmaceuticals will also be collected for free.

Small and large metal items are eligible for drop off for free including bicycles, swing sets, metal shelving, metal cabinets, lawn and garden tractors, lawn mowers, weed trimmers, snow blowers, metal patio furniture, outdoor grills, metal bed frames, steel posts, metal fencing, and more.

Event volunteers and sponsors include the Savanna Beautification in Motion Committee and the Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Agency. For more information or questions, please contact Mark Maidak, SWA, at 815-541-8183, or via e-mail at mwmaidak@gmail.com.