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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION, LATEX PAINT EXCHANGE COMING UP MAY 22

HHW COLLECTION AT PFIZER MAY 22

For the 13th year, Pfizer, Inc. will host a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection in conjunction with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pfizer's facility at 601 West Cornhusker Highway. Residents needing to dispose of household hazardous waste should take advantage of this collection, since the next HHW collection will not occur until late August.

Items accepted at the HHW collection include fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) and tubes, pesticides, paint thinners, stains, polishes and waxes, turpentine, oil-based paint, pool cleaning chemicals, flea and tick powders, rodent poison, charcoal starter fluids, mixed or old gasoline, mercury-containing items including thermometers, upholstery cleaners, grease removers and brake and power steering fluids.

Items that can be recycled or safely disposed of locally **will not** be accepted at the HHW collection: latex paint, motor oil, gas grill cylinders, pharmaceutical waste, electronics, and batteries. For more information on these items, check the city website at www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycling) or call 441-8021.

The HHW program is partially funded by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

USABLE LATEX PAINT EXCHANGE AT ECOSTORES ALSO MAY 22

The 2010 spring Usable Latex Paint Exchange will be held the same day as the HHW collection, but at a different location: EcoStores Nebraska, 530 West P St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lincoln and Lancaster County residents can bring unwanted usable latex paint to EcoStores. Households and individuals (not businesses) may donate paint in cans without rust or

leaks. The cans must be at least half full with intact, readable labels; the paint cannot be lumpy when stirred, and should not have been frozen. Residents who bring latex paint that is not usable may have EcoStores dispose of the paint for \$2/can. Anyone can take free paint from the exchange: homeowners, landlords, churches, schools, childcares, organizations, or businesses. Exterior and interior latex paint in a variety of colors will be available.

Call EcoStores Nebraska at 477-3606 for more information on the paint exchange. Remember, excess paint should never be dumped in the street, as the storm drains provide a direct path to local waterways, ponds, and lakes, impacting water quality and harming aquatic wildlife