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## **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Scheduled with Spring Clean-Up Day *March 7 is Free Opportunity for Residents to Dispose of Unwanted and Hazardous Items***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – Seguin residents will soon again have the free opportunity to properly dispose of unwanted and potentially environmentally-threatening items from around the home. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held in conjunction with Spring Clean-Up Day on Saturday, March 7.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event (appointment required)**

The City of Seguin is partnering with Waste Management to provide residents a free way to properly dispose of many household hazardous items that could be harmful to the environment if discarded improperly. Appointments for the March 7 Household Hazardous Waste collection event are required and must be scheduled by February 27.

According to Waste Management, many products that are used on a daily basis in the typical home need to be properly disposed. The most common items include batteries, household cleaners, paints, pesticides, fluorescent tubes and energy efficient compact florescent lights (CFL.) These items are commonly referred to as “household hazardous waste” but are becoming more frequently known as “home generated special materials.” These materials should not be discarded in a sink, storm drain or in household trash. Hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets or other "sharps" that might be used at home for certain medical conditions can be harmful, too, if thrown in the trash.

“We can't simply throw these materials in the trash because if these items were buried in a landfill, they could potentially contaminate our groundwater,” Waste Management says on its website. “The same goes for dumping them in the storm drains or sewers.”

Seguin storm drains go to our creeks and rivers – specifically Geronimo Creek and the Guadalupe River. Dumping hazardous materials in those drains could lead to the contamination of our water system.

According to the National Resource Defense Council, a single quart of motor oil that seeps into the groundwater can contaminate up to 250,000 gallons of drinking water.

Household hazardous waste will be accepted by appointment on March 7 at 634 Fred Byrd Drive. Items that will not be accepted include ammunition, explosives, asbestos, pharmaceuticals, radioactive materials, tires, pressurized cylinders, cooking oil, biological waste, construction related materials, fire extinguishers, trash, commercial products or materials in unlabeled or leaking containers. Business materials will also not be accepted.

A limited number of appointments are available and must be scheduled by February 27. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-800-449-7587 (Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.), by emailing [atyourdoor@wm.com](mailto:atyourdoor@wm.com) or by going to [www.wmatyourdoor.com](http://www.wmatyourdoor.com). Once an appointment is scheduled, a Special Materials Kit will be mailed to the participant. The instructions provided with the kit must be followed in order for items to be accepted. Liquid materials should be in a sealed and clearly identified container of 5 gallons or less.

### **Spring Clean-Up Day (no appointment necessary)**

The City of Seguin and Progressive Waste Solution's bi-annual community clean-up event will be held on the same day from 8 a.m. until noon. Spring Clean-Up Day provides residents the free opportunity to dispose of many non-hazardous unwanted items from around the home.

Items may be brought to the Coliseum parking lot, located at 950 S. Austin Street, for disposal. Participants must show a photo ID or utility bill to prove they reside within city limits. City employees and Progressive Waste Solutions personnel will be available to assist residents unload vehicles and trailers. Appointments are not required.

Automobile tires will be accepted, however tractor, mower, bicycle and ATV tires will not be collected. Tires with rims or tires larger than 19.5 inches are not allowed. Tires from local businesses will not be accepted.

Paper shredding will also be available as a free service at the event. Residents are encouraged to bring any documents containing sensitive information for secure on-site shredding and disposal.

Brush, hazardous chemicals, construction or building debris, old fences, sheds or torn down building materials will not be accepted. Appliances with Freon or other refrigerants are not allowed.

“Not only is this a great opportunity for residents to spruce up around the home, it’s a chance to ensure hazardous materials are properly disposed,” Seguin Public Information Officer Scott Packard said. “Doing so helps protect the entire community’s well-being.”

The most recent community clean-up event, Fall Clean-Up Day in October 2014, yielded 50.06 tons of trash and metal, 6,383 pounds of paper and 624 junk tires.

**WHAT:** Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event (appointment required)

**WHEN:** March 7 (Appointments must be scheduled February 27)

**WHERE:** 634 Fred Byrd Drive

**HOW:** Call 1-800-449-7587, email [atyourdoor@wm.com](mailto:atyourdoor@wm.com) or go to [www.wmatyourdoor.com](http://www.wmatyourdoor.com) to schedule an appointment.

**WHAT:** Spring Clean-Up Day

**WHEN:** March 7 (No appointment necessary)

**WHERE:** Seguin Coliseum, 950 S. Austin Street

#### **About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts, an engine manufacture and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2014, Seguin was proud to be selected by Siro Group USA as the future home of the company’s North American manufacturing facility.

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