



TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Bob Dickinson, Director
Transportation & Environmental Resources Division

SUBJECT: Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event, Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Robert A. (Bob) Bowers Civic Center parking lot located at 3401 Cultural Center Drive in Port Arthur.

During this free event, the SETRPC is collecting items that could cause damage to your health or the environment if they are disposed of improperly. Some of the items include paints, cleaners, antifreeze, car batteries, used oil, insecticides, swimming pool chemicals, and many others. For a complete list of acceptable materials, contact Bob Dickinson at (409) 899-8444 ext. 7520.

Scrap tires will also be collected during this event. There is no charge for a participant's first eight tires. There will be a \$1.00 charge for each additional tire. Oversized tires are not accepted.

This event will be publicized through news releases, flyers, and newspaper advertisements in the Beaumont Enterprise and other area newspapers. Television commercials will also be broadcast on KFDM, KBTB, KBMT, and Time Warner Cable.

The Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event is a program of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Dickinson at (409) 899-8444 ext. 7520

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event

Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) is hosting a free Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event. The event will be held in the Robert A. (Bob) Bowers Civic Center parking lot at 3401 Cultural Center Drive in Port Arthur. The event is open to all southeast Texas residents.

During this free event, the SETRPC collects items that could pose health and environmental risks if disposed of improperly. According to Bob Dickinson, Director of Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, "the average home can accumulate 100 pounds of hazardous waste in a garage or in the cabinets at home. It's imperative that Southeast Texans take a proactive approach in properly disposing these items not only to protect their own health but the quality of life in our region."

The SETRPC will accept household hazardous items including; paints, cleaners, antifreeze, car batteries, used oil, insecticides, swimming pool chemicals, and much more. "It's not acceptable to throw batteries, paint, or other hazardous waste in a trash can. Once these items get to the landfill they release pollutants which contribute to poor air quality. Southeast Texans are encouraged to do their part to protect the health of their neighbors and the environment by properly disposing of their hazardous waste during this free collection event," says Shaun P. Davis, SETRPC Executive Director.

The SETRPC will also collect scrap tires at no charge for the first eight tires. A cash disposal fee of \$1.00 is required for each additional tire - oversized tires are not accepted. Materials not accepted during this event include; electronics, appliances, oversized tires, explosives, ammunition, garbage, scrap metal, mercury, smoke detectors, exit signs, medical waste and medications/pharmaceuticals.

The HHW event is a program of the SETRPC through a grant provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The event is sponsored by Veolia Environmental Services.

For more information about items accepted during this event call 899-8444 ext. 7520.

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**Robert A. (Bob) Bowers Civic
Center Parking Lot
3401 Cultural Center Drive
Port Arthur, Texas**



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

COLLECTION EVENT



Saturday, April 18th

8:00am - 1:00pm

**Robert A. "Bob" Bowers
Civic Center**

*3401 Cultural Center Dr.
Port Arthur, TX*



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HHW Collection Details:

During this free event, the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission collects items that can pose health and environmental hazards if disposed of improperly. Items accepted during the event include:

- Batteries
 - Automotive Fluid
 - Paint
 - Used Oil and Filters
 - Varnishes
 - Cleaners
 - Solvents
 - Swimming Pool Chemicals
 - Pesticides
 - Fertilizer
 - Tires*
- ...and more

For More Information:

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**Scrap tires will be collected at no charge for the first eight. A \$1.00 fee is required for each additional tire. Oversized tires are not accepted.*

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ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Automotive Waste Products
- Antifreeze
- Brake Fluid
- Used Oils
- Oil Filters
- Car Batteries
- Old Painting Supplies
- Solvents
- Varnishes
- Paint Strippers
- Wood Preservatives
- Gardening Supplies
- Tires*
- Pesticides
- Insecticides
- Fertilizers
- Weed Killers
- Rat Poison
- Cleaning Supplies
- Polishes
- Drain Cleaners
- Oven Cleaners
- Moth Balls
- Cleaning Concentrates
- Batteries

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Electronics
- Appliances
- Oversized Tires
- Explosives, Ammunition
- Garbage
- Medications / Pharmaceuticals
- Scrap Metal
- Smoke Detectors
- Exit Signs
- Medical Waste
- Mercury

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* First 8 tires are no charge. \$1.00 fee for each additional tire.