

## Press Release

### Annual Household Hazardous Waste Services Over 600 Customers

**MONROE, N.C. (May 10, 2018)** – Thanks to Union County’s Household Hazardous Waste Day, approximately 32,795 pounds of potentially hazardous materials will safely be disposed of.

Union County Public Works held its annual Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, April 28 at the Church Street parking lot, beside the Seaboard Train Station. Approximately 600 vehicles came out to the collection event to safely dispose of products such as paints, cleaners, oils, tires, batteries, and pesticides. The event was free for all Union County residents.

Improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. Certain types of HHW have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers, contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets. They can also present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

“Household Hazardous Waste Day is a terrific event for Union County,” said Solid Waste Division Director John Yvars. “Not only do we help our residents properly dispose of their hazardous waste, we are able to take time to discuss all of the services that the Solid Waste Division offers, and other ways that we can be of service to them.”

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