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Ridding the Region of Household Hazardous Wastes

For more than 35 years, the Lakes Region Planning Commission has provided residents and property owners in the Lakes Region with an opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous products from their household, reducing the likelihood of accidents in their home.

On Saturday, October 7th the town of Tamworth hosted our final Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection of the 2023 season. This was the **eighth collection event** and, despite the rainy weather, 179 households made their way over to Tamworth to drop off their HHW. Many people liked the late season collection, having finished up most of their summer projects. In total, more than 1,560 households from 24 communities brought in materials for disposal this year, keeping that waste out of the water, out of “the ditch at the end of the road”, and safely away from “inquisitive young hands”. Over 60,000 pounds of HHW were collected and properly disposed of through these events.

A big thank you to the more than 60 local staff and volunteers who helped make this happen, including our local coordinators who got the word out into their communities about all the HHW collections.

These collections ensure that hazardous materials will not enter our drinking water or the environment upon which our local economy is so dependent. The collected hazardous materials included oil-based paints, lawn and garden products, household cleaners, automotive fluids, and pool chemicals. They are being safely reused and disposed of according to Environmental Protection Agency standards.



We encourage residents and homeowners to learn more about hazardous household products and how to reduce their use by visiting our website www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp.