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## **Mayor Madden Announces Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program**

**TROY, NY** – Mayor Patrick Madden today announced the City of Troy’s upcoming Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic Recycling Collection, and Shredding Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 11th, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. The event provides Troy residents the opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous materials not accepted through the city’s normal garbage collection service.

**Mayor Madden said**, “We’re excited to increase the number of opportunities for Troy residents and families to participate in the annual household hazardous waste collection program. This free disposal service allows Troy residents and families to safely rid their homes of harmful contaminants while reducing their environmental impact, preventing toxic or hazardous materials from reaching local landfills.”

The disposal event is a *free service available to Troy residents only*. **Residents wishing to participate in the program will be required to pick up a Household Hazardous Waste Day coupon at the Mayor’s Office in City Hall** (433 River Street, 5th floor). Coupons can be obtained by Troy residents (with identification—see below) during normal business hours, 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

A limited number of coupons are available, and will be issued on a first-come, first served basis. Individuals without coupons will be unable to utilize the program.

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Driver’s license\*
- Government-issued identification that includes an address
- Tax/utility bills
- Cancelled rent check showing a Troy address

*\*A driver's license showing a P.O. Box address will not be accepted as proof of City residence.*

**FOR THIS EVENT:** after-hours coupon pickup will be available at City Hall on Tuesday, February 25, from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm, and on Tuesday, March 10, at the South End/Osgood Neighborhood Meeting (TAUM 392 2<sup>nd</sup> St.) starting at 6pm, and March 10, at the Lansingburgh Neighborhood Association meeting (Boys and Girls Club, 501 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.) at 7:00 pm.

### **Commercial/Business Collection**

Our vendor will also set up appointments to collect hazardous waste from businesses and commercial entities; ***however there will be fees associated with disposal of these materials.*** If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact City Recycling Coordinator Renee Panetta at (518) 279-7171 or [renee.panetta@troyny.gov](mailto:renee.panetta@troyny.gov) for additional details.

### **Location:**

The annual collection event will be held at the City's "Alamo" site located directly across the street from the Rensselaer County Correctional Facility near the intersection of Main Street and East Industrial Parkway in South Troy.

Items accepted for disposal through the program include: *aerosols, automotive fluids, asbestos insulation (must be damp and double bagged), caustic/acidic cleaners, chemistry sets, corrosive liquids (acids, bases, muriatic acid, ammonia), pesticides, oil/latex paint, stain, paint thinners, poisons, anti-freeze, motor oil, propane cylinders (20 lbs. or smaller), agricultural pesticides, DDT, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, PCBs, resins/adhesives, fuels (gas, kerosene), oxidizer (pool chemicals), and household cleaners and polishes.*

In addition, residents can dispose of scrap metal, paper shredding, and electronics during this year's event, including: *computers, laptops, keyboards, monitors, televisions, and fluorescent bulbs.*

Automobile-size tires will also be accepted at the event for \$5 per tire from residents. Additionally, bicycle tires will be accepted for \$1 per tire.

Prohibited Items include: *medical waste or pharmaceuticals, explosives, household garbage, recyclables (plastics, glass, paper products, cardboard, etc.), bulk refuse (furniture, carpet, mattresses, toys, appliances, etc.), large propane tanks (over 20 lb.), and household batteries.*

If there are items you wish to dispose of which are unlisted above, please contact City Recycling Coordinator Renee Panetta to be connected with a vendor to determine proper disposal and any associated fees.

Due to popularity of the program among Troy residents, the Madden administration added a second household hazardous waste disposal day for 2020. Expansion of the disposal program was included in the City's Comprehensive Recycling Analysis which outlined objectives for reducing waste generation and new opportunities for reuse and recycling.

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