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ORANGE COUNTY TO HOLD LAST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, OPERATION SAFE SCRIPTS PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION THIS YEAR

(GOSHEN, NY) - Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana, Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Facilities and Services Peter S. Hammond, and Sheriff Carl E. DuBois announced that the last Household Hazardous Waste and Operation Safe Scripts Pharmaceutical Collection for Orange County residents this year will take place on **Saturday, October 22, 2011** at the **Orange County Fire Training Center, 9 Training Center Lane, New Hampton, NY 10958 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

"After the recent storms and with the on-set of winter, I encourage residents to take advantage of the County's last household hazardous waste disposal collection event this year," said County Executive Diana. "Doing so responsibly protects our communities and the environment."

This free household hazardous waste collection event, available to Orange County residents with proof of residency, is in addition to the normal waste disposal service that the County offers six days a week at Orange County's three transfer stations.

In conjunction with this event, the Office of the Sheriff will be enacting Operation Safe Scripts, collecting unwanted pharmaceuticals, at the same location and time.

"Operation Safe Scripts is part of our law enforcement function to enhance our ongoing effort to protect the citizens of Orange County," said Sheriff DuBois. "The elderly, the handicapped or those unable to drive may call my office at any time to arrange to have unwanted medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, picked-up."

Items that are acceptable to bring to the collection location: Adhesives, Aerosol Cans, Automotive Products, Corrosives/Cleaners, Creosote, Driveway Sealer, Dry Wall Compound, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Inks, Joint Compound, Mercury, Pesticides/Herbicides, Pool Chemicals, Roofing Tar, Rubber Cement, Solvents/Thinners, Varnishes/Shellac/Stains, Wood Preservatives, Used Cooking Oil.

Items that are unacceptable for this collection disposal: Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Freezers, LP Tanks, Electronics. Water based paint and Oil based paints. To find out how to dispose of paints please view "What can I do with this" segment on our website www.orangecountygov.com/efs.

Please note that farms, schools, small businesses and governmental agencies must pre-register to bring their hazardous waste materials to this location on Friday, October 21, 2011 by calling (845) 291-2664.

For more information, please call (845) 291-2664 or email the County's Environmental Facilities & Services at efs@orangecountygov.com. For more information on Operation Safe Scripts, please contact the Orange County Sheriff's Office at (845) 291-4033 or visit them at www.orangecountygov.com.

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