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### “HHW Events Coming in September”

Over the summer, people in 21 Lakes Region communities have had the opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous wastes from their homes at five different collection sites around the region. Nearly 1,000 households took advantage of this opportunity, dropping off tens of thousands of pounds of household hazardous wastes (HHW).

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) has arranged to hold two more HHW collection events at the end of this month – the final collections of the year. On **Thursday, September 26** a collection will be held from 2:00 – 6:00 PM at the **Tuftonboro Transfer Station**, 20 Sargent’s Crossing (off NH Rte. 171). On **Saturday, September 28**, the **Laconia Department of Public Works** building at 27 Bisson Avenue will be the site of the last Lakes Region HHW collection of the year from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM.

Residents and residential taxpayers in the Lakes Region Planning Commission’s 21 participating communities will be able to drop off up to 10 gallons or 50 pounds of HHW. No fee will be charged for this. The communities taking part in this year’s collections are Alexandria, Andover, Bridgewater, Bristol, Center Harbor, Effingham, Franklin, Gilford, Gilmanton, Hebron, Hill, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tilton, and Tuftonboro.

Household hazardous products include items such as oil-based paints and stains, lawn and garden chemicals, kitchen and bathroom cleaners, old gasoline, automotive products, and pool chemicals. Because these products can have severe impacts on the environment, contaminating our water, soil, air, ecosystems, and bodies, it is important to dispose of these items properly.

**Latex/Acrylic paint and alkaline batteries are not considered HHW and will not be accepted.** These products can go in with the household trash (dry out the paint before disposal).

For a listing of accepted products and to learn more information about wastes and alternate methods of disposal, visit the Lakes Region Planning Commission website at <https://www.lakesrpc.nh.gov/> and under Programs select Household Hazardous Waste (or scan the QR Code).

