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Subject: **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection
Convenient Year-Round Collection Center
Now Open in New Albany**



For Immediate Release:

No longer do the citizens of New Albany have to wait for the next Tox-Away-Day to dispose of their hazardous household materials. Newly opened late last fall, the Floyd County Solid Waste District has established a year-round collection center for disposing hazardous household items, conveniently located two blocks south of Main Street at 37 West 8th Street. The Center will accept items one day a week (Friday) by appointment only.

The City of New Albany and the New Albany Stormwater Board encourage residents to use the year-round facility provided by the Floyd County Solid Waste District to collect and properly dispose of household hazardous waste. Leftover household products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, contain ingredients that are considered to be "household hazardous waste" (HHW) and according to the US EPA, the average household can accumulate as much as *100 pounds* of HHW in the basement, garage and storage closets. HHW products require special disposal and cannot be poured down the drain, emptied onto the ground, ran into storm sewers, or set out for normal trash collection. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

By allowing the Solid Waste Management District to properly dispose of these items for you, you are protecting the land and waterways throughout New Albany and Floyd County. Common items accepted by the facility include: used motor oil, gasoline, used antifreeze, other automotive fluids, aerosol cans, adhesives, paint thinners, oil based paints, batteries (auto, motorcycle, cell phone, rechargeable) computers, monitors, printers, VCR's, stereos, poisons, florescent bulbs, herbicides or pesticides. Items that are not accepted include TVs, asbestos, smoke detectors, ammunition, fireworks, explosives, fire extinguishers, radioactive waste, microwave ovens and infectious and biological waste. (The Collection Center can provide additional information about disposal of HHW items they do not accept.) For questions or to make an appointment, contact the Floyd County Solid Waste District at 948-4733.

**Floyd County Household
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Collection Center
37 W. 8th Street
New Albany
Fridays by Appointment
(812) 948-4733**

