

# **Columbia County**

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### **Vernonia Residents Get Their Own Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**

Saturday, September 12th, Vernonia residents can dispose of household hazardous waste at a free collection event hosted by Columbia County.

"Our monthly events in Saint Helens are open to the whole county. But once a year we try to make it really easy for residents in more remote parts of the county to participate in hazardous waste disposal," says program administrator Bill Potter.

This free collection event is open to residents from throughout the county, runs from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and is located at the Vernonia Fire Station at 555 Bridge Street in Vernonia.

Accepted HHW items include: oil based paints and stains, thinners and solvents, pool and spa chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and poisons, motor oil, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, household cleaners and disinfectants, batteries, art and hobby chemicals, aerosol spray products, propane tanks or bottles from barbecue grills, fluorescent lamps and ballasts, items containing mercury, medical sharps, and small arms ammunition. No containers larger than five gallons please.

Standard household garbage and latex paints are not accepted at HHW events. At this time, the Transfer Station does not accept radioactive material at HHW collection events or during regular operations.

Columbia County's HHW services are maintained through transfer station collection fees.

Small businesses in Columbia County can get help with hazardous waste disposal too. If you own or work for a small business and would like more information, call 503.397.7213

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