

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District Members

FROM: Minda Shaheen, NRPC

SUBJECT: 2010 HHW Collections

DATE: March 3, 2010

This memo is a reminder that the 2010 HHW collection season is about to get underway. The schedule of collections is as follows:

Day	Date	Location	Time
Saturday	April 24	Nashua Public Works Garage (6 Riverside Street)	8:00 a.m. to noon
Saturday	May 8	Milford Public Works Garage (289 South Street)	8:00 a.m. to noon
Thursday	June 3	Nashua Public Works Garage (6 Riverside Street)	3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 7	Nashua Public Works Garage (6 Riverside Street)	8:00 a.m. to noon
Saturday	October 2	Nashua Public Works Garage (6 Riverside Street)	8:00 a.m. to noon
Saturday	November 6	Nashua Public Works Garage (6 Riverside Street)	8:00 a.m. to noon

Included with this memo are color flyers that should be posted at the transfer station, town hall, public library, etc. A separate 3-part black-and-white flyer is suitable for mailing along with any of your departmental bills, newsletters, or other direct correspondence. We strongly urge you to consider including information on the HHW program in with any mailings, as it seems to have a dramatic increase in new

participation in communities that have targeted individual households. By the time you receive this memo, you should have already received these files electronically via email for posting on a community or departmental website.

There is some important information that we would like you to communicate to your “on-the-ground” folks. It is very important that we all provide the same message to the public – these are some suggested points that you may want to make clear in any of your interactions with HHW program participants, and feel free to refer questions to NRPC at any time.

- **\$10 User Fee:** The District will again be assessing a \$10 user fee for up to 10 gallons or 20 lbs of household hazardous waste. ***WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP*** in making sure participants are aware of these fees before they arrive at the collection events. Please announce the fee when you are questioned about the event, even if the caller does not ask about the fee policy. We need to take every opportunity to get the word out so that these events operate as smoothly as possible.
- **Latex Paint:** Please continue to remind interested participants that ***WE DO NOT ACCEPT*** latex paint, and that individuals can safely dispose of latex products themselves.

The NRPC website has a *Paint Primer* http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw/documents/paint_education_brochure.pdf which can be printed and given to concerned individuals. Remind them that we do not accept latex paint in an effort to keep costs of the collection down, since latex paint would quickly double or triple the inventory of material we receive. Since latex paint is not hazardous in solid form, it just doesn't make good financial sense to accept latex paints.

- **Electronics Recycling:** We will be offering opportunities for residents to recycle electronics at all HHW collection events. Separate fees do apply. The NRPC website contains a fee schedule for all accepted electronics items (www.nashuarpc.org/hhw).
- **Pharmaceutical Collections:** We are still trying to obtain a separate funding source for collection of unused medications. At this time we do not have any scheduled

pharmaceutical collections. As soon as we have a collection schedule, we will be passing it along to you. If interested persons contact you about the pharmaceutical collections, please refer them to the NRPC HHW webpage (www.nashuarpc.org/hhw) for additional information, or have them contact me directly. Also, make sure they understand that they *cannot* bring any medications to the HHW collection events at this time. Please ask them to safely store their medications until the next available pharmaceutical collection.

We sincerely appreciate the support we receive from your community and look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. If you have any questions about any of this information, please contact NRPC at 424-2240, or mindas@nashuarpc.org. Thank you for your cooperation!

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