



Clean Sweep Program Newsletter

Spring, 2008

2008 Season Clean Sweep: Site Opens Friday, May 2nd

The Clean Sweep Program for recycling household hazardous waste will open its 2008 season on **Friday, May 2nd, 2008**. Normal hours of operation are on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The collection site is located on 2302 Fish Hatchery Road in Madison, north of the intersection of Fish Hatchery and Badger Roads. The last day of the season will be Friday, October 31st 2008. **Please remember that leaving materials at the site when it is closed is illegal and can lead to a \$2,000 forfeiture.**

The Clean Sweep Program provides an opportunity for residents of Dane County to safely dispose of household hazardous materials, free of charge. The program includes a Product Exchange area, where many high quality and usable products brought into Clean Sweep each season are available to the public, free of charge.

SMALL BUSINESS/LOCAL GOV'TS

The Clean Sweep Program also accepts materials from small businesses and local units of government who are Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG's) of hazardous waste. Waste materials from VSQG's are accepted on **Thursday mornings by appointment**. Prior arrangements need to be made before bringing materials to the site, and there is a per pound charge for use of the program. All VSQG customers must pre-register and submit an inventory of the materials to be delivered. Registration is available on our website

at www.danecountycleansweep.com or by calling Dave Radisewitz, the Clean Sweep Coordinator, at (608) 243-0347.

The Agricultural Clean Sweep Program also provides an opportunity for farmers and agri-businesses to dispose of agriculturally-related wastes. A Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection grant underwrites the disposal costs so there is no cost to farmers, and agricultural businesses only pay half the normal business cost.

Agricultural Clean Sweep Program participation is by pre-registration only, and events are held every Thursday during the Clean Sweep season, at the Fish Hatchery Road site. Registration is available on our website at www.danecountycleansweep.com or by calling Dave Radisewitz at (608) 243-0347.

For more information on Clean Sweep programs, please refer to our website at www.danecountycleansweep.com, or call our Information Hotline at (608) 243-0368.

Questions Concerning Recycling or Disposal of Other Waste Materials?

Check out the following websites for detailed information concerning recycling and disposal of other waste materials (tv's, waste oil, appliances, etc.) generated by residents of the City of Madison or Dane County:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/index.cfm>

<http://www.co.dane.wi.us/pwht/recycling.aspx>



MedDrop Dane County To Hold Second Medicine Collection Event in June, 2008

Unwanted, unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be found in every household in the county. We know that it's not safe to keep unneeded medicines in the house - children and others can accidentally take them.



But you've also heard that you shouldn't flush medicines down the toilet or put them in the trash. We now know that these medicines are bad for our environment - our water, our lakes and the animals in them. In

light of these concerns, Dane County's first-ever pharmaceutical collection program was held in 2007. The event was sponsored by the Madison Patient Safety Collaborative, whose membership includes area hospitals, clinics and health care organizations. Additionally, the event received support from numerous other governmental agencies and organizations including Dane County Public Works, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, City of Madison Recycling & Police



Departments, Public Health Madison/Dane County and local pharmacies. The event took place on October 13, 2007 at the Olin Avenue Transfer

Station in the City of Madison. Turnout for the event was outstanding, as 566 participants delivered over 1,500 pounds of uncontrolled substances and approximately 180 pounds of controlled substances to the event.

The second MedDrop event has been scheduled for **Saturday, June 7, 2008** at the City Transfer Station located at 121 E. Olin Avenue in Madison. Bring your unneeded medicine to Dane County's MedDrop. This **free** service is available to all residents of Dane County. For additional information, visit the MedDrop website at www.meddropdane.org.

New Telephone Numbers for Clean Sweep Program

Telephone numbers for the Clean Sweep program staff and Information Hotline have been changed. The new numbers are:

Clean Sweep Coordinator:..... (608) 243-0347
Clean Sweep Info. Hotline: (608) 243-0368

Local governmental units and agencies, schools, and targeted business groups will be receiving a packet in April 2008 containing the updated information about the Clean Sweep Program. The purpose of this mailing is to update the various governmental units as to program changes and to facilitate greater public awareness and participation in the Clean Sweep program. Packet recipients are urged to post these informational materials wherever possible. Additionally, packet recipients are encouraged to utilize the informational materials for the development of local newsletters, notices, etc. concerning availability of governmental services. If you would like assistance in this regard or, to request additional information, contact Dave Radisewitz, the Clean Sweep Program Coordinator, at (608) 243-0347 or via e-mail at dradisewitz@publichealthmdc.com.



2007 Clean Sweep Season Busiest Ever in History of Program



Clean Sweep facility staff assisting customers during 2007.

The 2007 season was a highly productive season for the City of Madison/Dane County Clean Sweep program. More waste materials were collected during 2007 than in any previous year in the history of the program. During 2007, program staff:

- Received and managed a grand total of **942,030** pounds of waste materials, a **17.4%** increase over 2006 totals;
- Recycled **470,210** pounds of latex paint;
- Returned a total of **16,388** useable products (having an estimated weight of **61,013** pounds) to **2,055** customers through the collection facility product exchange;
- Serviced a grand total of **9,071** customers, including **6,073** household drop-offs, **854** household participants in satellite collection events, and **79** businesses;
- Provided service to **10** HHW customers under agreement with Columbia County
- Organized and completed a satellite collection event in the City of Sun Prairie, servicing **288** participants and capturing **10,301** pounds of waste;

- Collected and recycled **189** auto batteries and approximately **100** pounds of other rechargeable batteries.

VSQG Program Participants Sought

Businesses, which qualify as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG'S) can utilize the City of Madison/Dane County Clean Sweep program for a fee. Because the Clean Sweep VSQG program is an add-on to the Household Hazardous Waste Program, economies of scale can provide significant waste disposal cost savings to the VSQG customer. Schools, governmental units, institutions and agencies are also typically eligible to participate in the VSQG program. All VSQG's must pre-register and schedule an appointment before bringing waste materials to the collection facility.

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