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**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Returns to McLean County:  
Ecology Action Center opens registration for September 28, 2024 HHW Collection**

The Ecology Action Center (EAC) is pleased to announce a fall McLean County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event for Saturday, September 28, 2024. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is covering major costs for the HHW, with additional support from the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, and the Bloomington Normal Water Reclamation District. "The increased frequency of hazardous waste collection events locally will help increase participation and reduce the likelihood of improper disposal while also conserving local financial resources for taxpayers," said Michael Brown, Executive Director of the EAC.

**The HHW collection event will be appointment-only in order to regulate traffic to prevent long waits; residents must sign up for an appointment at [HHWmclean.org](https://HHWmclean.org).** Residents without computer access may call 309-GOTO-HHW (309-468-6449) for assistance. For fastest service, registration by the website [HHWmclean.org](https://HHWmclean.org) is strongly encouraged. Participation is open to all Illinois residents at no cost. Illinois regulations mandate that only residential wastes may be collected—no business or commercially generated wastes are accepted. The deadline for HHW appointments is noon on Friday, September 20, 2024. Volunteers are needed to help with traffic control at the event; sign up is available online at [HHWmclean.org](https://HHWmclean.org).

**Accepted materials include:** Oil-based paints, Used Motor Oil, Herbicides, Pesticides, Insecticides, Old gasoline, Pool chemicals, Cleaning products, Mercury, Acids, Non-alkaline, Ni-Cad, and Lithium batteries, Paint thinners, Lawn chemicals, Solvents, Antifreeze, Hobby chemicals, Aerosol paints and pesticides, Fluorescent lamp bulbs, Drain cleaners, and Corrosives.

**Unaccepted items include:** Latex paint, Agricultural wastes, Business/commercial sector wastes, Explosives, Fireworks, Controlled substances, Unwanted or expired medications, Lead acid and Alkaline batteries, Propane tanks, Smoke detectors, Farm machinery oil, Fire extinguishers, Biohazard waste, or Institutional or business waste.

*The Ecology Action Center is a not-for-profit environmental agency with a mission to inspire and assist residents of McLean County in creating, strengthening and preserving a healthy environment. The EAC acts as a central resource for environmental education, information, outreach, and technical assistance in McLean County.*