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**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY**

The City of Peabody will be holding its annual Household Hazardous Waste Day for Peabody residents on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 9AM-1PM at the Department of Public Services, 50 Farm Avenue. The event, which will be held rain or shine, provides residents with the opportunity to dispose of hazardous materials in an environmentally responsible manner. The maximum amount of material a resident can dispose is a full car load which is 25 gallons or 25 pounds. Contractors may not use Household Hazardous Waste Day to dispose of materials.

Clean Harbors Environmental Services will be on site June 5 to accept oil-based paints (no latex paint), varnishes, pesticides, spray cans and other household hazardous chemicals. In addition, residents may dispose of mercury-containing waste, including batteries, thermometers, thermostats, and fluorescent lamps. Please be advised that the City of Peabody allows residents to drop off waste oil, car batteries, tires, and propane tanks during normal business hours year round at 50 Farm Avenue. Please note that the recycling center (including leaf/brush drop off) at 50 Farm Ave. will be closed on Household Hazardous Waste Day.

A full list of accepted materials may be obtained from the Health Department (978-538-5926) or Department of Public Services (978-536-0600), or you may find the information on the City of Peabody Website ([www.peabody-ma.gov](http://www.peabody-ma.gov)) and local cable tv. **Clean Harbors will not be accepting commercial/industrial waste, latex paint, ammunition, asbestos, radioactive material, fire extinguishers, or medical or biological wastes.**

**There is a \$20.00 per household co-pay for residents to dispose of hazardous waste, payable by check to “City of Peabody.” Proof of residency is required.** TVs and computer monitors will also be accepted with the purchase of a \$20 sticker per item (also available on-site). Non-residents may drop off materials only from 11 am – 1 pm and will be required to pay the full fee (\$30 for up to 3 pounds/gallons, \$36 for up to 10 pounds/gallons or \$60 for up to 25 pounds/gallons).

To ensure safety, please adhere to the following handling procedures: leave materials in original labeled containers; tighten caps and lids; place containers in sturdy upright boxes rather than in garbage bags; avoid smoking while handling hazardous materials. Most importantly, **do not mix** chemicals.

**COVID safety protocols will be followed. All participants must wear masks at all times, and will remain in their vehicles. Do not attend the event if you have any symptoms of illness or if you have been exposed to COVID within 14 days prior to the event.**

For more information please call the Health Department at 978-538-5926. This event is co-sponsored by the Peabody Municipal Light Plant.