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## **Adams County News and Information**

### **Adams County Household Chemical and Electronic Waste Roundup on Sept. 19**

The Adams County Household Chemical and Electronic Waste Roundup will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., behind the Thornton IMC Facility, 12450 Washington St., Thornton. There is a new entrance this year. Please follow the signs to the north entrance with access off 126th Avenue and Washington Street.

Household Chemical Roundups offer a means for the public to properly dispose of household waste that could otherwise contaminate our water supply, air and landfills. Many common products found in the home may be hazardous and should be used and disposed of carefully. These include paint and paint products, motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, household rechargeable batteries, solvents, house and garden chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), scrap metal, fire extinguishers, items containing mercury, propane tanks, and passenger vehicle and pickup truck tires. Proper disposal at the Household Chemical Roundup helps prevent the potential of accidental poisonings and fire hazards in the home. People do not have to get out of their vehicles as they drive through the Roundup. Volunteers will unload the materials. Adams County participants should bring a suitable proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill and \$25 per vehicle to offset the high cost of hazardous waste disposal. The cost of hazardous materials disposal can cost more than \$130 per household through a private company.

For an additional fee, the Roundup will also be accepting and recycling electronics, including computers, TVs, cellphones, printers, data devices, small appliances, and stereo equipment. There is an additional charge of \$10 per computer monitor and \$30 per TV. Small electronic devices with a power cord or powered by battery are free to recycle.

The events are open to residents of Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Thornton, and Unincorporated Adams County. Residents are encouraged to register in advance online at <http://www.tchd.org/250/Home-Chemical-Waste>.

Note: The Cities of Aurora, Northglenn and Westminster are NOT participating in these events this year. This does not affect residents of Unincorporated Adams County that have Aurora, Northglenn, or Westminster addresses. Anyone in Unincorporated Adams County is eligible to attend. For more information, residents of Northglenn should call 303-450-4004; residents of Aurora should call 303.739.7372; and residents of Westminster should call 303.706.3362. There will also be a FREE Drop-and-Swap area where people can take household cleaners, paint, car wax, antifreeze, fertilizer and garden products that are still in their original containers.

Sharing these products helps the environment, since the products get used up, rather than becoming part of landfill trash. The Drop-and-Swap also helps reduce the Roundup's disposal costs.

The Roundup cannot accept waste from businesses, and cannot accept radioactive waste, smoke detectors, empty drums, asbestos, tractor tires, explosives stronger than fireworks, or any compressed gases other than propane.

Residents with paint and paint products can now conveniently drop off unwanted paint for recycling year round at many convenient locations in the Denver Metro Area. On July 1 the Paint Stewardship Act (SB 14-029) and the Colorado Architectural Paint Stewardship Program became effective. This Paintcare recycle program is free for anyone who drops off paint throughout the year at participating retailers. Visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) for locations. Dried out paint can be disposed of with your regular household trash. Solidified paint is not considered a hazardous waste, and properly disposing of it during the year will significantly help lower the Roundup's disposal costs.

Volunteers are greatly needed at the event to help with registration, vehicle off-load, and waste processing. Volunteers are provided with refreshments throughout the day, a gift for helping out at the event, and are allowed to dispose of their waste for free. Individuals and groups interested in helping with this event should call 720-200-1592 or register online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HCR\\_Volunteer\\_Registration](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HCR_Volunteer_Registration).

This event is sponsored by Adams County; the cities of Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, and Thornton; Darling International Inc.; Interstate Batteries; Green Sheen; and Tri-County Health Department.

In 2014, the Adams County Household Chemical Roundup Program properly disposed over 95 tons of hazardous materials. Over 1,400 households were served in 2014.

For more information, visit <http://www.tchd.org/250/Home-Chemical-Waste> or call the 24-hour Household Chemical Roundup InfoLine at 303.846.6249. Recorded information is available in both English and Spanish.

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