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ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is planning to hold the 2020 household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 26th at GCC's Main Campus and the Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must pre-register by September 18th. Online pre-registration for the 2020 collection will begin in mid-August. Online registration forms may be completed at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html. Paper registration forms will be available in late August at town transfer stations and in local newspapers.

Due to COVID-19, safety protocols and waste restrictions will be in place. Participants will be required to wear a mask, remain in their vehicle, and place all waste in the trunk, rear cargo area, or truck bed. Materials that will not collected this year include all types of batteries, thermometers, and thermostats. These items can be brought to most town transfer stations year-round.

Fluorescent bulbs will not be accepted at this collection. Fluorescent bulbs, including compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), are accepted at all municipal transfer stations in the county. In addition, fluorescent light bulbs are accepted at Lowe's Stores (all types of fluorescents), and Home Depot (CFLs only).

Participants will be assigned an appointment time to bring wastes to the collection; an appointment time and instructions will be provided by mail after registration is processed.

The collection is free for residents of most member towns. Businesses must pay for disposal costs. For business registration information, call (413) 772-2438.

This collection provides an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items that should not be put in the trash, such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. A more complete list of acceptable items is at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

For more information, contact the District at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438 or visit: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.