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**CleanSweepNY –An Environmental Safety Opportunity  
for Schools and Businesses in Putnam County**

Brewster, NY – Putnam County businesses and schools now have a safe, convenient method to dispose of unwanted pesticides and other chemicals, much like Putnam’s Household Hazardous Waste Day that provides residents an opportunity to get rid of environmentally unsafe substances. CleanSweepNY is an environmental benefit project, initiated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Bureau of Pesticide Management. The early April event provides for the environmentally safe and economic collection and disposal of unwanted pesticides, school chemicals, golf course chemicals, elemental mercury and mercury containing devices. CleanSweepNY collection efforts are not directed towards the general public since home and garden pesticides are accepted at the routine Household Hazardous Waste events, supported by the Putnam County Department of Health.

Preregistration is required to participate in CleanSweepNY. For information on how to participate and register, visit [www.cleansweepny.org](http://www.cleansweepny.org) or call 877-793-3769.

The mission of the Putnam County Department of Health is to improve and protect the health of our community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit our website at [www.putnamcountyny.com/health](http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health); or visit our social media sites on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/putnamhealth](http://www.facebook.com/putnamhealth) and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.