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**PUTNAM COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY**  
**SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012**

Putnam County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Putnam County residents on **Saturday, May 19, 2012**. The Putnam County Department of Health and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation are co-sponsoring the FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection event which is scheduled from **9:00 am to 12:00 pm (rain or shine) at the Canopus Beach parking area, Fahnestock State Park, Route 301, in Kent, NY.**

Improper storage or disposal of hazardous waste poses a health risk to residents and their families. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is an opportunity for Putnam County residents to safely dispose of toxic materials such as: household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, oil based paint (not latex), automotive solvents, thinners, mothballs, rodent poisons, gasoline, kerosene, small propane tanks (up to 20 pound size), etc. Disposal items will only be accepted if they are labeled and identifiable. Items which will **not** be accepted are water-based paints (latex), used oil, lead-acid batteries, plastic bags, batteries, tires, electronic waste or any materials from commercial establishments. For a complete list of items being accepted, please visit the Health Department website at [www.putnamcountyny.com](http://www.putnamcountyny.com).

**Pre-registration is required. Call early to reserve your spot.** Call the Putnam County Department of Health at (845) 808-1390 ext. 43150 with questions about the event or to pre-register.

**Please call your local town for information regarding electronic waste disposal. Also, please note that household hazardous waste items will not be accepted at any of the town electronic waste drop-off locations.**

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