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PUTNAM COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY
SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

Brewster – Putnam County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, October 2, 2010. The Putnam County Department of Health will be sponsoring a FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection event scheduled from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm** (rain or shine) at the Putnam County Department of Health, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, NY.

For Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Putnam County residents will be provided with an opportunity 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, propane tanks, etc. Disposal items will only be accepted if they are labeled and identifiable. Items which will not be accepted are water-based paints (latex), waste oil, lead-acid batteries, plastic bags or any materials from commercial establishments, as well as electronic waste (e-waste)*- see below. These are items for which there are better disposal options available year round at no cost. Improper storage or disposal of waste poses a health risk to residents and their families. The Hazardous Waste Collection Day provides a way to remove toxic products from homes in an environmentally safe manner. For a complete list of items we are accepting, please visit the health department website at www.putnamcountyny.com.

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

*Electronic Waste (e-waste) is accepted at local town drop-off locations. Please call your town office to check times and dates. The following is a list of town drop-off locations:

Carmel: Salt Shed, Route 6N

Kent: Recycling Center, Route 52

Patterson: Recycling Center, Cornwall Hill

Philipstown: Recycling Center, Lane Gate Road

Putnam Valley: Highway Garage

Southeast: Highway Department, Palmer Road

Please call your town for drop-off times. Also please note that household hazardous waste items will not be accepted at any of the town e-waste drop-off locations.

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