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**PUTNAM COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY
SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016**

Brewster, NY -Putnam County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day for Putnam County residents on **Saturday, October 1**. The Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) are co-sponsoring the FREE event which is scheduled from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Putnam County Department of Health, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, NY.**

“Improper storage and disposal of hazardous waste can create health risks for our residents and their families,” says County Executive MaryEllen Odell. “We hold these events twice a year so that people can safely get rid of these toxic materials.”

Hazardous materials that can be brought to the HHW Collection Day event include: 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 or other batteries, plastic bags, tires, electronic waste or any materials from commercial establishments. For a complete list of acceptable items, please visit the county website at

<http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/recycling/> . **Pre-registration is required.** Call the Putnam County Department of Health at (845) 808-1390, ext. 43150, with questions about the event or to pre-register.

If you would prefer to register by email, please send your three preferred times (every 15 minutes beginning at 9 a.m.) to PutnamHealth@putnamcountyny.gov . You will be sent a confirmation with a time. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 2 business days, please call the above number. **Call or email early to reserve**

your spot.

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

The Health Department's mission is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County 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; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

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