

Lake Travis recycling center to host fall collection event

As with leaves, household hazardous waste can pile up around your home, too.

Solve your problem by bringing your unwanted and expired household hazardous waste to the next collection event from 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 3 at the Lake Travis Regional Re-Use and Recycling Center, 3207 Neidhardt Drive.

The collection event is free and open to residents and utility customers. To drop off items, a resident or customer must present a driver's license or utility bill with an address in the jurisdictional boundaries of: the cities of Lakeway or Bee Cave, Village of The Hills, Hurst Creek Municipal Utility District, Lakeway MUD, or Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) No. 17.

"We encourage residents who have items to drop off but are unable to attend our weekday event to ask a neighbor to take the items to the facility," LTRRRC spokeswoman Julie Oakley said.

The Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center, 2514 Business Center Drive, in Austin provides weekend hours for Travis County residents to bring their items.

Household hazardous waste items are common everyday products that people use in and around their homes that, due to their chemical nature, can be hazardous to the environment and water supply if not correctly disposed.

The center will accept:

- Household products — cleaning products, drain cleaners, oven cleaning solvents, degreasers, polishers, pool chemicals, household batteries, mercury thermometers, gas grill propane tanks;
 - Paint products — latex and oil-based paints, spray paints, preservatives, strippers, etc.;
- or,
- Automotive products — antifreeze, car batteries, oil, oil filters, or transmission and brake fluids.

Accepted materials must come in their original containers for transport.

The center will not take:

- Asbestos products — including linoleum tiles containing asbestos from older homes;
- Industrial waste — anything from a business;
- Medical waste — needles, prescriptions, etc.;
- Ammunition or explosives — fireworks, dynamite, etc.;
- Radioactive waste — smoke detectors, etc.;
- Compressed gas cylinders, but gas grill propane tanks are accepted.
- Tires;
- Appliances — small or large; or,
- Technology products — computers, printers, televisions, speakers, surround sound, or other electronic equipment.

The center also has many free used household products including Lake Travis Slate and Hill Country Mocha, two latex paints made at the Lake Travis Regional Re-Use and Recycling Center. Both paints are available to nonprofit organizations for civic projects and the public for individual projects at no charge.

These reuse items are available not only at this event, but also by appointment at Lakeway Public Works at 512-608-9000 or WCID No. 17 at 512-266-1111.

For information, visit www.lakeway-tx.gov/ltrrc.