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To: All Small Businesses based in Lexington

From: Gerard F. Cody, REHS/RS
Health Director

RE: Hazardous Waste disposal

Dear Business Owner,

I am writing to inform you that on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 there will be a hazardous waste collection event set up especially for small businesses or those who are very small quantity generators of hazardous waste. The collection will take place at 60 Harwell Avenue in Lexington at the Minuteman Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility (www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/hhwfacility.cfm). In order to participate, you must contact Seth Dawber from *Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc* at 781-380-7121 or dawber.seth@cleanharbors.com. Mr. Dawber will tell you what time to arrive at the site and how much it cost your business to participate. If the Wednesday, October 16, 2013 date is not convenient, then you may also participate on September 15, 2013, October 19, 2013, or November 9, 2013. Remember, you must pre-register with Mr. Dawber first before you arrive.

Massachusetts hazardous waste rules allow VSQGs to deliver their own waste in their own vehicles to a licensed VSQG collection program. Collection programs then consolidate waste from businesses before shipping it to a permitted treatment, recycling, or disposal facility. Although program participants may still have to pay disposal charges, the collection programs are intended to provide a convenient and cost-effective disposal option. This allows VSQGs to regularly dispose of small quantities of waste, rather than accumulate and store over a long time period.

Hazardous waste should not be confused with electronic waste or “ewaste”. **Hazardous waste may be classified as anything that is ignitable, corrosive, toxic or reactive.** Some examples include unwanted paint related material (paint, stains, varnish, thinner, acetone, stripper,ect), adhesives, glues, tar, cleaners, detergents, photographic chemicals, oils, lubricants, lawn care items, pesticides, pool chemicals, batteries, light bulbs, light ballast, transformers, cylinders (call

for pricing), biological specimens, lab chemicals, medical devices containing mercury, mercury contaminated debris, mercury containing devices and asbestos containing material.

Often times, small businesses have unwanted materials or objects containing hazardous materials but they don't know how to dispose of them properly or it is too expensive for a contractor to make a specific trip to package and transport such a small amount of material. This weekday collection at the Minuteman Regional Hazardous Product collection center will allow small businesses to dispose of these unwanted materials at a discount rate. They will be saving on the transportation and labor cost by co-mingling their hazardous waste with other businesses at this permanent collection center. The cost savings is then passed on to those who participate.

VSQG Collection Program Requirements for Generators

To deliver hazardous waste to 60 Hartwell Avenue at this event on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, you must:

1. Be a Very Small Quantity Generator—generate less than 100 kilograms (220 pounds or about 22 gallons liquid) or less of hazardous waste per month.
2. Contact Seth Dawber from *Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc* at 781-380-7121 or dawber.seth@cleanharbors.com to apply to and receive approval to attend. *Clean Harbors Environmental Services* will provide you with the price quote to participate. Pricing is based on the types and volume of hazardous wastes that you would like to bring to the event. Quoted amount must be paid in full by check at the time of the appointment, or waste will not be accepted!
3. Have or apply for a hazardous waste generator identification number. This is your site-specific hazardous waste identification number that appears on your license application.
4. Only transport waste from your own business and in your business vehicle.
5. Follow the Department of Transportation requirements for transporting hazardous materials.

You do not need to use a hazardous waste manifest or registered transporter to take your waste to a licensed consolidation site.

If you have any questions or would like more information about this event, please contact me by email at gcody@lexingtonma.gov or by phone at 781-862-0500 x 237.

Sincerely,



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Health Director

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