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Clean Sweep Household Hazardous Waste Site Announces 2009 Season Opening: Site Open on Friday May 1st

Madison WI, March 24, 2009 - The Clean Sweep Program for recycling household hazardous waste will open its 2009 season on Friday, May 1st, 2009.

- Normal hours of operation are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The site is located on 2302 Fish Hatchery Road in Madison, on the corner of Fish Hatchery and Badger Roads.
- The last day of the season will be Saturday, October 31st 2009.
- Please remember that leaving materials at the site when it is closed is illegal and can lead to a \$2000 forfeiture.

The Clean Sweep Program provides an opportunity for residents of Dane County to safely dispose of household hazardous materials, free of charge. The Product Exchange offers high quality and usable products brought into Clean Sweep free of charge.

The Small Business Collection Program accepts materials from small businesses and local units of government. These materials are accepted on Thursday mornings by appointment. Prior arrangements need to be made before bringing materials to the site, and there is a per pound charge for materials brought to the program. Business owners are reminded that they need to allow enough time to request registration materials and to submit an inventory of the materials for recycling. Registration is available on our web site at www.danecountycleansweep.com or by calling Dave Radisewitz, the Clean Sweep Coordinator, at 243-0347.

On February 17, 2009, Governor Doyle presented the Legislature with his budget proposal (introduced as Assembly Bill 75) in which the entire Clean Sweep Program, including all grants for agricultural chemical collection and disposal, for the next biennium would be eliminated. This proposed cut will have a direct effect on the Dane County Clean Sweep program. In past years, DATCP funding allowed for a 50% cost reduction in disposal costs for agricultural related businesses (Agricultural VSQGs), and a 100% cost reduction for Dane County farmers for the disposal of agricultural chemicals. Without this funding, the status of the 2009 Agricultural Clean Sweep program is uncertain. More information will be released about the status of this program as it is made available.

For more information on Clean Sweep programs, please refer to our web site at www.danecountycleansweep.com, or call our information line at (608) 243-0368.