

OCCA seeks volunteers for hazardous waste collection

The Otsego County Conservation Association is seeking volunteers to help with Otsego County's twelfth annual household hazardous waste day collection. The event will take place on September 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the County Meadows Building, located four miles south of Cooperstown on County Highway 33, just off of County Highway 33. Pre-registration is required and may be handled at 547-4228. Volunteers are sought for either from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. or from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to open, stir, and pour paint into barrels for the latex paint collection and for traffic control, breaking down cardboard boxes, and other general tasks. Volunteers do not handle or dispose of the hazardous waste collected. Breakfast will be provided to first shift volunteers and lunch will be provided for those working the second shift. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact OCCA at 547-4488 or 547-4020.

"This is dirty work," said OCCA president Martha Clarvoe. "If you are working the latex paint collection, paint is likely to get on anything you wear, so wear grubby clothes you don't mind getting grubbier."

Clarvoe also advised volunteers to wear protective shoes. Sandals are not allowed. Sunglasses, visors, hats, sunscreen are advised.

At the event household chemicals, paints, batteries, propane tanks, electronic equipment, and more are collected for safe disposal. Pharmaceuticals including expired and unwanted prescription medications, vitamins, veterinary medications, over-the-counter medications, lancets, syringes, and more will also be collected.

For more information on the event, visit

http://www.otsegocounty.com/depts/sw/documents/Poster_004.pdf.