

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program



Household hazardous wastes (HHW) are items found in homes that, when disposed of improperly, can cause injury to individuals or harm to the environment. Trash collectors and landfill operators are directly at risk when handling HHW; individuals are often not aware of the dangerous materials amongst other solid waste items. In addition, HHW contaminate the ground and surface water by leaking out of garbage cans, seeping into drainage systems, and, eventually entering the area water supply through runoff. Without proper disposal, HHW can serve as a threat to public servants, residents, and wildlife within a community.

Often, citizens are unaware of the risks and dangers associated with HHW and are unfamiliar with the damages these materials can cause to human, plant, and animal life. To aid in the public safety, ensure water supply quality, and guarantee the overall protection of the environment, Blanco County administrators and volunteers are working to develop an ongoing, sustainable HHW collection program for the citizens of Blanco County. This program will provide education regarding the risks and dangers associated with HHW, and demonstrate ways to properly dispose of HHW materials. Volunteers also will work to host HHW collection events throughout Blanco County.

The committee plans to host two BOPA collection events in 2010. The events, on **April 10 in Johnson City** and on **April 24 in Blanco** and will accept used lead-acid batteries, oils, latex paints, antifreeze, tires, and household electronics.

In order to ensure the success of the Blanco County HHW Program, volunteers are launching a county-wide fundraising effort. The collected funds, when matched with other contributions, will support a public awareness campaign, future collection events, and eventually a permanent HHW collection program.

Please join the Blanco County HHW Steering Committee in protecting the environment by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Colorado River Foundation on behalf of the Blanco County HHW program. These funds will support the upcoming collection events, as well as the development of a county-wide HHW collection program. Donation information included on the reverse of this page.

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Protect Blanco County Natural Resources

Help the Blanco County HHW Program protect the environment by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Colorado River Foundation. Funds will support upcoming collection events and the development of a county-wide HHW collection program.

Donor Name/Company: _____

Address : _____

Phone: _____

Included is a \$_____ donation to the Blanco County HHW Program.

OR

Please charge my donation of \$_____ to my credit card.

___ MasterCard ___ Visa ___ American Express ___ Discover

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please mail your tax deductible contribution to :

Colorado River Foundation
c/o Blanco County HHW
P.O. Box 50029
Austin, Texas 78763-0029

2010 Blanco County HHW BOPA Collection Events:

April 10 in Johnson City

Time and location details is follow.

April 24 in Blanco



"Did you say **BOPA?**"

Yes, I said BOPA. The Blanco County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will accept **B**atteries, motor **O**il, **P**aint (latex only please!), and **A**ntifreeze...BOPA. As an additional bonus, you will also be allowed to dispose of household electronics (computers, printers, etc.), and tires.