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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEAN-UP DAYS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7 AND 8**  
**Residents also urged to participate in No Pesticide Day and Spring S.T.I.N.G.**

Westchester County is asking residents to once again mark their calendars for the county's Household Chemical Clean-Up Days:

- Friday, May 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) Park in Yorktown Heights; and again on
- Friday, June 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Westchester Community College (WCC) campus in Valhalla.

Residents are also encouraged to take part in Westchester's third annual No Pesticides Day on May 8. No Pesticides Day cautions residents about the proper use of lawn chemicals to kill weeds, insects or to grow greener grass. In addition to the chemical clean-up events, May 7 & 8 and June 11 & 12, have also been designated Spring S.T.I.N.G. Clean-Up events to help eliminate mosquito-breeding grounds.

Most properly labeled household chemicals are accepted at Clean-Up Days including antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, kerosene, metal polishes, pesticides and herbicides, septic tank and swimming pool cleaners, wood preservatives and more. Each household may deliver up to 10 car tires, and residents can exchange an old mercury thermometer for a new digital oral thermometer, free of charge, while supplies last. The county also accepts computer monitors and TVs at Chemical Clean-Up Days because both items contain tubes with a high level of lead.

Items that are not accepted and should not be delivered to a clean-up day include oil and latex paint, motor oil, vehicle and non-rechargeable batteries, and BBQ tanks. Westchester residents can dispose of these items, as well as several other special wastes such as car tires, computer monitors and TVs, rechargeable batteries and mercury-containing items, without having to wait for a chemical clean-up day.

Besides removing chemicals, residents can eliminate mosquito breeding grounds during Spring S.T.I.N.G. The county and its Spring S.T.I.N.G. partner Citizens Campaign for the Environment urge residents to remove all unnecessary water-holding containers, especially old tires, cans, buckets, drums, wheelbarrows and bottles. Other tips include:

- Covering all outdoor trash containers to keep rainwater from accumulating inside.
- Drilling holes in the bottoms of all recycling containers that are left outdoors.
- Cleaning roof gutters and removing standing water from flat roofs.
- Draining the water in birdbaths, plant pots and drip trays twice weekly.
- Sweeping driveways after it rains so they are free of puddles.

Additional Chemical Clean-up Days are scheduled for this fall at the county's recycling center in Yonkers and at Playland Park in Rye. For a list of acceptable items and directions to the site, and to gain more information on how to safely and responsibly dispose of many special items year-round, call the county's Household Chemical Info Line at (914) 813-5425 or log on to [www.westchestergov.com](http://www.westchestergov.com).

The Health Department asks that residents report any standing water that they cannot clean-up on their own by calling the 24-hour Public Health Information Line at (914) 813-5609 or by logging onto [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health) and completing an online form.