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**CHEMICAL CLEAN-UP DAY REMOVES MORE THAN 5,000 POUNDS OF CHEMICALS  
COUNTY'S SPRING STING GETS RESIDENTS TO TURN IN 975 OLD TIRES**

Last weekend, more than 1,100 residents did their share to clean up their homes and protect the environment by keeping 5,000 pounds of harmful chemicals, including lead from TV and computer tubes, from contaminating the land and water supply.

In response to the Westchester County Health Department's Operation Spring STING, residents also turned in 975 old tires and helped prevent potential mosquito breeding grounds and the spread of the West Nile virus.

At the Household Chemical Clean Day held last weekend at the FDR State Park, the county's Recycling Office also collected 79 pounds of mercury (the mercury in a thermometer weighs about an ounce) and over 18,000 pounds of old TVs, monitors and computer hardware.

However, residents do not have to wait for a Household Chemical Clean-Up Day to get rid of many special items. For instance, many local municipal sanitation offices offer year-round collection programs for items such as tires, computers and TVs, either by curbside collection on an appointment basis or by resident delivery to a local depot. Visit [westchestergov.com](http://westchestergov.com) and go to 'Recycling' for a list of locations that accept tires year round and for the telephone number of your local sanitation office. You can also call the County's Recycling Hotline at 813-5420 for assistance.

For those who would like to wait for the next Household Chemical Cleanup Day weekend, one will be held on Friday, June 6 from 1 to 3 p.m., and on Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Westchester Community College in Valhalla. Household Chemical Clean-Up Days are held at four different locations, several times throughout the year. For a cleanup day flyer with dates, locations and a list of acceptable items, visit [westchestergov.com](http://westchestergov.com) or call the county's Household Chemical Info-Line at 813-5425.