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Hazardous Waste Facility Will No Longer Accept Latex Paint Beginning July 26

FAYETTEVILLE – As of July 26, Cumberland County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at 923 Wilkes Road will no longer accept latex paint.

Latex or water-based paint is non-hazardous and can be disposed of in regular household trash, provided it is completely solidified. Citizens can add dirt, sand, kitty litter, sawdust or newspapers to the unused paint and wait for it to dry. Once the contents are dry throughout, place the open paint can in a garbage bag. Make sure to leave the lid off and then place the can in with your other household garbage.

The change in policy will help the county save on unnecessary hazardous disposal fees, estimated at approximately \$12,000 a year. Last year, Solid Waste Management collected 25,756 pounds of latex paint at the Hazardous Waste Facility, more than half of the site's total collections of 46,840 pounds.

Oil-based paints and other hazardous waste are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility, which is open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Solid Waste Management at 910-321-6929 or visit co.cumberland.nc.us/solid_waste.aspx.

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