



# Calvert County NEWS

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### **Calvert County Revises Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services** *Quarterly Waste Drop-off Events Replace Year-round Convenience Center Collection*

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – October 8, 2009** – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners has approved revised procedures for the collection of household hazardous waste from county residents.

Effective October 1, 2009, county customer convenience centers are no longer accepting household hazardous waste, which includes materials such as oil-based paints, pool chemicals, solvents, fertilizers and other items usually labeled with the words “DANGER,” “POISON” or “WARNING.” Household hazardous waste will be collected at central points four times a year during designated household hazardous waste collection days. Collection days will be held one Saturday in March and September at the Mt. Hope Customer Convenience Center and one Saturday in June and November at the Appeal Landfill. The first household hazardous waste collection day will be held on November 14, 2009 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Appeal Municipal Landfill. Collection is limited to Calvert County residents only and proof of residency is required. Commercial businesses are prohibited.

A licensed waste disposal contractor will collect household hazardous waste at the Appeal and Mt. Hope sites. The service, which is typical of programs implemented by other

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Maryland counties, is necessary to ensure that Calvert County meets all state and federal requirements with regard to the safe collection of household hazardous waste.

County residents may still drop off trash, recyclables and certain other materials at customer convenience centers, including motor oil and oil filters, antifreeze, batteries and various types of light bulbs.

For more information, call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Division of Solid Waste, at 410-326-0210 or visit the Calvert County Web site at [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us) for a full listing of materials accepted.

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