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County's Household Hazardous Waste Event Collects Almost 50 Tons

Cumberland County, PA – Cumberland County saw a record turnout for its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off event on Saturday, August 19 at the Cumberland County Service Center, 310 Allen Road, Carlisle. Nearly 900 vehicles brought in just less than 50 tons of material. On average, 685 vehicles and just over 67,400 pounds of materials, or 33.73 tons, have been collected during previous events.

Saturday's drop-off was the second highest weight total for the event since its inception in 1998. According to Justin Miller, coordinator of the County's recycling programs, at days end more than 59,490 pounds of paint and related products, and more than 13,620 linear feet of light tubes had been collected, among many other materials.

"We had a great turn out and everyone in line was very patient until their items could be unloaded," Miller said. "The event went off very well. We especially want to thank our sponsors for their support. Because of the turn out, this year we would be looking at costs in the \$70,000 - \$80,000 range. Without our sponsors, it would be much more difficult to host this event for our residents."

The HHW program gives County residents a safe means to properly dispose of many hazardous materials, including cleaners, pool chemicals and paint supplies. Many of these materials are hazardous by nature, but can be disposed as normal household waste because they are not regulated as hazardous waste under federal and state laws. Alternative treatment and disposal methods of household hazardous waste include fuel blending, incineration, wastewater treatment and recycling.

The HHW drop-off was made possible through the financial support of Advanced Disposal, Lower Allen Township, North Middleton Township, Newville Borough, Republic Services, Penn Waste, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. For additional information regarding the HHW event, please call 717.240.6489 or visit www.ccpa.net.

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