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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Henderson County Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events Begin March 8, 2016 HC-2016-11 Hendersonville, NC - February 26, 2016

The Henderson County Solid Waste Division will resume its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections during the spring of 2016. Event dates are March 8, April 12, and May 10 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the Henderson County Convenience Center, 265 Convenience Center Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28791. The 2015 events served more than 600 vehicles, collecting more than 44,000 pounds of household materials considered hazardous and regulated as universal waste by NC DEQ.

The 2016 Paint Recycling Program will operate at the Transfer Station during the same dates and times. All paint and paint-related materials (except spray paints) incur a \$2 per gallon container fee, regardless of the amount within. No dried or solid paints will be accepted. Please note there is a 30-gallon per individual per event limit on paint recycling during this program. Details on paint purchasing and proper disposal outside of this program are available online at <u>www.hcrecycles.org</u> on the "Paint Recycling" tab.

The Solid Waste Division hosts the HHW events annually for the citizens of Henderson County to provide safe recycling and disposal of household chemicals, cleaners, pesticides, and insecticides. Mercury-containing bulbs and related items are not accepted during this event, but can be recycled at the Convenience Center for free Monday-Friday from households. For a detailed list of acceptable HHW items or mercury products, please visit www.hcrecycles.org.

Items brought to the Convenience Center during HHW events should be kept in original containers or packaging, if possible, and should be handled with utmost care. Unlabeled items must be accompanied by a material ID form, either at the event or prior to the event through <u>www.hcrecycles.org</u>. Business and commercial wastes will not be accepted. Please contact Environmental Programs for proper disposal options by calling (828) 694-6524.

To provide quality service and safety during these events, residents are asked to please unload their own HHW materials at the Convenience Center and leave pets at home. Additional questions can be directed to (828) 697-4505 or (828) 694-6524.

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