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Rockford's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Limiting Items

ROCKFORD, III. – Due to a fire at the Illinois EPA's waste processing facility, certain items temporarily will not be accepted at the City's Household Hazardous Waste collection facility. Effective immediately, and until further notice, Rockford's Household Hazardous Waste facility can only accept the following items:

- automotive fluids
- flammables: gasoline, kerosene, oil, transmission fluid, anti-freeze (think of things in a garage)
- fluorescent bulbs, CFL bulbs
- paints and stains (oil-based only)
- peanut oil (cooking oils)
- over the counter pharmaceuticals and insulin (no sharps)
- solvents and strippers
- thermostats
- mercury
- nickel-cadmium, lithium ion, nickel-metal hydride, and small lead acid batteries
- passenger vehicle tires (4 per day max)

Here is what we CANNOT accept temporarily:

- pesticides and fertilizers
- lawn chemicals
- aerosol cans
- asbestos materials

- household cleaners, drain openers and pool chemicals
- unknown hazardous substances

It is recommended that these items either be used appropriately or stored in a controlled environment until full collection operations have resumed. To inquire about a certain disposal item, please email us at Sanitation@Rockfordil.gov or call 779-348-7425. The Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Center is located at 3333 Kishwaukee Street and is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., excluding the holidays of New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day and Christmas.