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Hazelwood Fire Activities

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Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning is not only a good habit, but it is also good fire prevention. Clutter in basements and garages burns quickly and can get in the way of firefighters trying to put out a fire. A clutter-free basement or garage makes it easier to extinguish fires.

Old Paint

Allow paints to dry and set out cans for curbside trash collection with lids off. Three methods can help dry paint more quickly: add kitty litter, pour paint on a large piece of plastic or plastic-lined box and dry in the sun, or just leave the lid off.

Wood Stains & Turpentine

Evaporate small amounts in open air, away from flame, pets, and children.

LIQUIDS: Bleach, Household Cleaners & Disinfectants

Pour down a drain with plenty of water. This is appropriate for any household drain connected to a City sewer; do not pour materials down drains that are not connected to a municipal sewage system, such as a septic system or storm drain.

SOLIDS: Herbicides, Cleaners, Insecticides, Fertilizer, Rat Poison

Solid materials can be collected with trash at the curb or taken to sanitary landfill if double wrapped carefully.

Flammable Materials

If the material is flammable, such as oil or gasoline, try to use it up if possible. If a small quantity is accidentally spilled and is absorbed with "oil dry," it may go to the sanitary landfill in a fireproof container. However, please alert the landfill attendant because these materials may sometimes spontaneously combust.

Newspapers and Magazines

These burn easily and can breed rodents and insects. It is best to set them out for recycling collection at the curb every other week. Take large quantities to a recycling. Large quantities of bottles and cans can also be unsanitary, so dispose of them the same way.

Phone Books

Call Southwestern Bell's toll-free automated line for a recycle bin near you: 1-(800) 953-4400. It is important to know that telephone books must be recycled separately from other kinds of paper products, but Southwestern Bell directories are 100% recyclable.

Helpful Hints

- *Watch for signal words such as "Caution," "Warning," "Danger," or "Poison."
- *Buy just enough product to do the job. Follow directions on proper use.
- *Do not burn or bury leftover products.
- *Do not reuse chemical containers or mix chemical wastes.

St. Louis County periodically hosts recycle/waste dump events for residents who have materials to dispose of other than the usual recyclables.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: Paints, stains, varnishes, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, gasoline and other fuels, solvents and strippers, aerosols, motor oil and filters, gas cylinders (BBQ-pit size or smaller), fluorescent tubes, household batteries (rechargeable), anti-freeze, brake and transmission fluids, pool chemicals and other acids and bases, car batteries, wood preservatives, drive sealant, and mercury-containing items (thermometers, thermostats, salts).

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Explosives and ammunition, radioactive waste, smoke detectors, medical waste, household trash, tires and other bulky items. Materials from business, commercial, non-profit, and government organizations are also prohibited.

Your patience is appreciated at these events, as there may be long lines of traffic.

Check the St. Louis County website for specific dates, times, and places for collection events.

http://www.stlouisco.com/doh/environ/recycler/waste_mg.html

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