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Students of the South Suburban College Highway Construction Careers Training Program set up for the Household Hazardous Waste collection event to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

Cook County and South Suburban College Announce New Recycling Center and Household Hazardous Waste Event

South Holland, IL—Cook County has partnered with South Suburban College (SSC) to establish the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM), a permanent recycling drop-off facility located on the Main Campus for all Cook County residents. A grand opening will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at this new location in South Holland.

CHaRM will accept clothing, computers, e-waste, furniture, glass, metal, paper, plastic, small appliances, Styrofoam, and textiles on Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to 12 noon, Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Additional information and other accepted materials may be verified at www.cookcountyil.gov/CHaRMCenter.

During the grand opening, SSC will additionally host a one-day household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event on the north side of the Main Campus in the overflow parking lot. Participants interested in dropping off household hazardous waste are encouraged to register at cookgov.me/HHWsignup and may enter at the traffic signal on State Street.

Acceptable waste that can be collected during the HHW event includes acids, aerosol paints, antifreeze, cleaning products, corrosives, drain cleaners, fluorescent lamp bulbs, herbicides, hobby chemicals,

household batteries, insecticides, lawn chemicals, mercury, oil-based paints, old gasoline, paint thinners, pesticides, pool chemicals, solvents, and used motor oil.

Unacceptable waste that will not be collected during the HHW event includes agricultural wastes, biohazard waste, business/commercial wastes, controlled substances, explosives/ammunition, farm machinery oil, fire extinguishers, fireworks, institutional waste, lead acid batteries, propane tanks, and smoke detectors. Note that latex paint should be discarded with regular trash pickup.

The South Suburban College Main Campus is located at 15800 S. State Street, South Holland, IL. For more information, please call (312) 603-8212, option 2, or email wasteandrecycling@cookcountyil.gov.

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