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Residential hazardous material to be collected in Frisco

PROSPER (July 30, 2010) Residents of Prosper who have been storing common household hazardous material in their homes and garages are now able to dispose of these materials safely at the City of Frisco's Environmental Collection Center. Starting on August 1, an interlocal agreement between the Town of Prosper and the City of Frisco allows for the drop-off with no additional costs to the resident, except for two items which carry a recycling fee, according to Prosper Director of Public Works Frank Jaromin.

"Landfills are not the appropriate place for hazardous chemicals, because of the leakage into the ground and possible contamination of groundwater, so people should never toss a can of old paint, batteries, motor oil or even light bulbs into their trash receptacles," he said.

Rather, those items, among others, should be kept in a dry, safe, non-combustible area until they are transported to the collection center. The center is located at 6616 Walnut St. in the old downtown area of Frisco. During the summer months, starting in March and ending in September, the center's hours of operation are Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

During the winter months, starting in October and ending in February, the center operates on Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The center generally closes during days of inclement weather, most city holidays, and certain City of Frisco events.

Residents wishing to use the center must obtain a voucher from the Town of Prosper Utility Billing department at Town Hall, 121 W. Broadway in downtown Prosper. Each Prosper household is eligible for one voucher annually. To drop off the hazardous material, the voucher and a valid Texas Driver's license, or other form of identification, must be presented to the attendant at the center. There will be no exceptions made to this procedure.

"The program is designed for residential or household hazardous material, so no commercial or wholesale medical waste will be accepted through this program," he added. The City of Frisco reserves the right to refuse material

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not conforming to its list of approved items, and will place reasonable limits on the amount of material in a resident's haul.

Among items deemed suitable for drop-off and accepted at no charge are:

Aerosol cans	Computer Equipment	Motor oil and filters
Antifreeze	Fluorescent bulbs	Paints, thinners, solvents, stains
Batteries	Gasoline	Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers
Cell phones	Household cleaners	Pool chemicals
Cooking Oil		

Items that are suitable for drop-off but will be assessed a recycling fee are:

Computer monitors and televisions sets smaller than 36 diagonal inches

Items that are not suitable for drop-off include:

Ammunition	Radioactive materials
Biological active waste	Prescription medications
Explosives	Medical waste
Syringes	

"Hazardous materials are all around us, in our homes and places of business. Properly disposing of these dangerous items is a priority for the Town of Prosper, and we encourage all residents to join us in protecting our environment," he concluded.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 9,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 90,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."