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City of Temple to host Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

TEMPLE, TX – October 10, 2017 – The City of Temple, in cooperation with Waste Management-Temple Landfill, Temple Iron & Metal, Goodwill and the Central Texas Council of Governments, will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The collection will be held at the Temple Service Center located at 3210 East Avenue H and residents living in Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba counties are invited to participate.

You may bring any of the following : tile, toilet, oven and drain cleaners; polishes, ammonia, paints, stains, varnishes, paint thinners and/or removers, aerosol spray cans, pesticides, herbicides, insect repellants, fungicides, pool chemicals, automotive batteries, used oil & oil filters, old gasoline, transmission fluid, brake fluid, antifreeze and up to 8 passenger tires. A \$1.00 surcharge will be placed on each tire over the limit. No tires on rims and no tires larger than 21.5-inch rim dimension. Goodwill will be accepting electronic items with the exception of refrigerators and televisions. Businesses are encouraged to take part in the electronic recycling as well as home owners.

The Temple Police Department will be on hand again this year to accept unused and expired medications. Kara Godineaux, Stormwater Program Specialist for the City of Temple, states, “Medications that are flushed down the toilet or washed down the drain flow to our wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove the contaminants associated with medications. These contaminants can return to our water supply

and negatively affect our aquatic life and our drinking water. Please be sure to properly dispose of your medications.”

This annual Household Hazardous Waste collection is an opportunity for residents to dispose of these household hazards properly. The event offers a better alternative to throwing the materials in your household garbage to be disposed of in the landfill or igniting in the garbage truck causing a fire.

PROHIBITED items for this event include: infectious and medical wastes, biological and radioactive materials, compressed gas cylinders, ammunition, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and explosives. No commercial waste will be accepted as this event is for home hazards only, with the exception of electronics.

Funding for this event is being made possible by Waste Management-Temple Landfill and the Central Texas Council of Governments. The City of Temple appreciates the opportunity of being selected to host this type of event for our citizens and surrounding communities.

For more information or questions, you may contact the City of Temple Solid Waste Services at
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