

Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Collection 2010 Annual Report

The 2010 Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections were conducted in a safe and efficient manner on July 31, 2010 and August 7, 2010 at eight different locations. The event was coordinated by the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC). 1,797 households participated in this annual collection; overall this represents 4.6% of the households in the twenty-four Lakes Region communities that participated in this year's HHW Collection. The percentage of households participating from individual communities ranged from less than 2% to more than 8%.

Over 22,000 gallons of HHW and more than 35,000 feet of fluorescent bulbs were disposed of properly. This year saw a large increase in the number of compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). Paint products continue to comprise more than 50% of our cost of disposal.

One third of those attending this year's collections had never attended one of these collections in the past. While many people still learn about the HHW collections from newspapers and signs around town, more and more are visiting the regional website.

For the second consecutive year an Unwanted Medications Collection was held at the Gilford site in conjunction with the Lakes Region HHW Collection. It was open to all residents and homeowners in the participating Lakes Region communities; 65 households from six different communities participated. The costs associated with this were paid for by the Gilford Police Department and School District with funds from a two-year NH Dept. of Education grant. Next year's collection will be funded by the Gilford Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

The estimated cost per Lakes Region household was \$2.40. The cost to communities for 2010 will remain the same as it was for 2009. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collections will be held July 31, 2010 and August 7, 2010. All residents and property owners in participating communities are encouraged to take this opportunity to safely dispose of your household hazardous products. For more information check with your local coordinator or LRPC (http://www.lakesrpc.org/services_hhw.asp) for details.