

Kankakee County Regional Planning Department NEWSLETTER

On May 18, 2002 six volunteers from the staff of the Kankakee County Regional Planning Department attended the Hazardous Waste Collection event at the Kankakee Community College. The staff volunteers were on hand to take surveys, hand out flyers, direct traffic and to generally promote waste recycling within the County.



Trina Leggett, Michelle Sadler, Delbert Skimerhorn, Eric Sadler, Matt Van Mill
(Mike Van Mill & Bob Roach not pictured)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, with the sponsorship of the City of Kankakee, the Villages of Aroma Park, Bradley and Bourbonnais and the County of Kankakee conducted this event.

The event started at 8:00 am and lasted until 3:00pm. Almost 300 citizens participated in this event, some from as far away as Country Club Hills and Orland Park.

The program accepted various types of household hazardous waste including oil-based paints, paint thinners, herbicides, insecticides, old gasoline, pool chemicals, cleaning products, mercury, household batteries, used motor oil, drain cleaners, lawn chemicals, solvents, antifreeze and fluorescent lamp bulbs. Agricultural waste, explosives, fireworks, lead acid batteries, medical waste, propane tanks, smoke detectors, latex paint and fire extinguishers were not accepted. The waste collected is recycled, incinerated or disposed of in a hazardous waste approved landfill, depending on the type of waste.



Vehicles pull up to the waste sorting station where a team separates, classifies and disposes of materials in appropriate containers

Special thanks to Richard Schultz, Special Project Manager, with Kankakee Municipal Utility for planning and organizing this event.



Receptacles for liquid waste.

Another hazardous waste collection day is scheduled for June 1, 2002 at Herscher High School in Herscher, Illinois. For more information contact the IEPA at 217-785-9276 or view their web site at <http://www.epa.state.il.us>.

Remember: The success of this program depends on you. Keep Recycling.