

HPCC

July Update



SOME NUMBERS

FLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES

18,000 pounds

AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS

15,500 pounds

BATTERIES

6,500 pounds

TOXIC – POSIONOUS SUBSTANCES

5,500 pounds

MERCURY

73 pounds

Household Products Collection Center
1320 E. University Drive
Public Works Department

July was yet another record month with 350 visitors in 49 hours of operation. That brings the yearly total of visitors to 2,500, 85 visitors over last year for the same time period.

To match the record number of visitors, the amount of household hazardous waste (HHW) has also increased, with just over 162,000 pounds taken in for disposal. While the number may seem insignificant when compared to residential waste, it is important to remember that just one-gallon of motor oil is enough to make an 8 acre oil slick on a body of water or as little as one-gram of a regulated herbicide can contaminate 2.6 million gallons of water (Source EPA).

Like HHW, our electronic waste has also increased to just over 60,000 pounds. E-Waste contains heavy metals such as lead and cadmium. Almost all of e-waste can be recycled into post consumer products.

The refurbished latex paint consolidation system is in full operation. In July over 500-gallons of consolidated paint was provided free of charge to various City work groups; with biggest beneficiary being the graffiti removal program. It costs the HPCC \$10.73 for utilities, supplies and labor to make five-gallons of consolidated paint, not a great deal of money when you consider a new container of latex paint can cost forty to eighty dollars.

