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MDEQ Announces Household Hazardous Waste Services In Yazoo County

PEARL – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Yazoo County are announcing the availability of Household Hazardous Waste curbside pick-up services and an HHW drop-off site in Yazoo County at the 4 Points County Barn for residents cleaning up after the April 24th tornado event. The HHW wastes included in the program are household chemical items, electronic wastes, and large bulky household appliances. The wastes eligible for the HHW collection services are as follows:

- HHW includes household chemicals, cleaners, insecticides and herbicides, pool chemicals, used oil, gasoline, automotive batteries, paints, thinner, varnish, thermostats, lighting ballasts and other similar items.
- Electronic waste includes televisions, computer systems, stereo systems, cell phones and other similar wastes damaged in the storm.
- Large bulky household appliances also known as white goods include refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, hot water heaters and other similar large metal appliances.

Yazoo County residents needing to arrange for curbside collection of any of the HHW wastes described above should contact the Yazoo County Courthouse at 662-746-8668 or 662-746-8669. The HHW wastes need to be kept separate from other vegetative debris, building debris and household garbage placed in the right-of-way. To access the collection site at the County Barn, go east on Highway 16 from the intersection of 49E and 49W and then turn at the first left onto County Barn Road. The entrance gate to the site is to your immediate left. The hours of operation will be 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. every day including weekends. The HHW collection services and the HHW site operations will be conducted by Complete Environmental and Remediation Company.

In addition to the HHW collection services, MDEQ has been assessing storm debris clean-up conditions in the areas of Yazoo County affected by the April 24, 2010 storm events. Based on the agency's inspections Yazoo County, MDEQ is asking affected residents to keep the various types of storm debris separated as these wastes are transferred to the right-of-way for collection and ultimate disposal. MDEQ asks that wastes be separated into four different categories and disposed of accordingly.

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These waste categories include:

- **Vegetative debris** includes downed trees, limbs, leaves, stumps and other natural vegetation.
- **Building and structural debris** includes wood, brick, insulation, siding, roofing, furniture and other similar materials
- **Household garbage** includes food wastes, paper, plastic, containers, and other smaller items that would normally be disposed through local garbage collection services.
- **Household hazardous waste** includes the items previously described above such as household chemicals, electronic wastes and bulky household appliances.

The separation of these materials is important in order to dispose of the materials properly and to help to keep disposal costs at a reasonable level. Residents should place vegetative debris and structural debris along the right of way for removal crews to access. The vegetative debris will be collected from the right-of-way and transported to emergency debris disposal sites temporarily created just for the storm debris. The building and structural debris will need to be collected and hauled to permitted landfills for disposal. Household garbage wastes simply need to be disposed through the normal local garbage collection systems. The HHW materials will need to be collected through the services described above. Any resident who has concerns or questions regarding this information may contact the solid waste management programs at MDEQ at 601-961-5171.

For more information, call Robbie Wilbur at 601-961-5277.

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