

Round up household hazards

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The long weekend is a good time to clean out the closet, garage and garden shed, especially for potentially dangerous unused chemicals.

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Round Up goes from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Oct. 17 at Okanagan College, 1000 KLO Rd., off Raymer Avenue at Kelowna Secondary.

"We see about 50,000 litres of hazardous waste dropped off at these events each year," waste reduction facilitator Rae Stewart said. "That's huge in terms of caring for our environment."

An average household contains more than 100 litres of waste, including gasoline, antifreeze, pesticides, paint, solvents and cleaners, she said.

Residents can take small amounts to year-round depots like Boucherie Bottle Depot on the Westside or Battery Doctor in Kelowna.

The Hazardous Waste Round Up is for residential use and containers up to 20 litres. Residential hazardous materials includes anything with an explosive, flammable or poisonous label. Lawn-care products, automotive and household batteries and propane tanks are also accepted.

For more information, go online to Regionaldistrict.com or call 250-469-6250.