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## Media Release:

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010: **Gather Up your Eco-Nasties for FINAL Hazardous Waste Round Up!**

Got harmful eco-nasties you need to get rid of? The approaching holiday long weekend could be the perfect time to clean up your garden shed or garage and round up those potentially dangerous unused chemicals for safe disposal at the upcoming Hazardous Waste Round Up.

The 20th annual Household Hazardous Waste Round Up will be held Saturday, October 16th from 9am until 3pm, at the KLO campus of Okanagan College (1000 K.L.O. Road.) Please note the only access to the site will be off of Raymer Avenue at KSS (Kelowna Secondary School).

This will be the final Hazardous Waste Round Up, as the Battery Doctors (1972 Windsor Road) has recently been awarded a two year contract for a year round facility for the drop off of household hazardous waste materials. It will provide a six day a week service for the collection, temporary storage, transport and disposal of residential household hazardous waste products. This service for all Central Okanagan residents will be launched at the one day Round Up October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Rae Stewart, Waste Reduction Facilitator with the Regional District says, "It's great residents will now have an opportunity to safely dispose of their eco- nasties easily year-round, instead of saving them up for this one day drop off event." Stewart notes the average household has more than 100 litres of household hazardous materials stored in their kitchens, bathrooms, closets, basements and garages at any one time. Those materials include stuff like old gasoline or anti-freeze, pesticides, paint, solvents and household cleaners.

Stewart adds, "It's a really good idea to get rid of this stuff if you don't absolutely need it." She adds, "Many household chemicals can pose a risk if disposed incorrectly, and are banned from our landfills and sewer systems. Just as importantly, they can be dangerous to our families and pets if not used or stored properly."

The Hazardous Waste Round Up is for residential use only. Commercial waste will not be accepted. Residential hazardous materials include anything with an explosive, flammable or poisonous label, like solvents, chemicals, corrosive or toxic cleaners, pesticides, and old gasoline. Automotive and household batteries and propane tanks are also accepted at the event.

For more information about the Hazardous Waste Round Up, and the new year-round disposal option, go to [regionaldistrict.com](http://regionaldistrict.com) the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 250-469-6250.

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