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**Household chemical waste collection event scheduled for Pine Island to assist with Milton cleanup efforts**

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 14, 2024 – Pine Island residents will be able to safely and responsibly dispose of household chemical waste such as leftover paints, cleaners, herbicides, pesticides, automotive fluids and pool chemicals on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The collection event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Phillips Community Park, 5675 Sesame Drive. Drop-off is an easy, drive-through process available to all residents at no charge.

Businesses that need chemical waste disposal can call MXI Environmental Services at 276-477-0947 to schedule an appointment for the monthly business collection held at the county’s permanent Household Chemical Waste drop-off location, 6441 Topaz Court, Fort Myers.

Lee County Solid Waste reminds residents to be aware of proper battery disposal. Please bring all rechargeable or lithium-ion batteries to the collection event or to the Topaz Court facility. Do not throw rechargeable batteries in with your regular garbage service.

An increasing number of products contain lithium-ion batteries, which can be hazardous when disposed of improperly. Lithium-ion batteries are found in these common products along with others:

- Electronic devices, such as mobile phones, laptops, tablets and Bluetooth devices
- Power tools
- Game controllers
- Digital cameras
- Portable power packs
- Greeting cards
- Electric toothbrushes
- Toys
- E-bikes, e-scooters and hover boards

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