

Illinois EPA will Host Fall 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Illinois EPA Director Alec Messina has announced the Agency has scheduled household hazardous waste collections for the spring of 2019. Illinois EPA household hazardous waste collections are held to encourage residents

to safely dispose of unused or leftover household products commonly found in homes. Five collection sites are confirmed for the fall.

Douglas County has not been selected for a household hazardous waste collection in

over 15 years, and the closest event this spring will be April 27th, 2019 in Effingham at the Village Square Mall parking lot South Banker from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM which is much closer than the permanent locations located in the Chicago area. Please take advantage of this opportunity to remove household hazardous waste from your home and keep our environment safe with safe disposal.

One-day collections are open to all Illinois residents.

Residents are encouraged to bring chemical cleaners, oil-based paints, thinners, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, kerosene, weed killers, insecticides and pesticides, old or outdated medication, and similar hazardous household products. Fluorescent and other high-intensity discharge lamps may also be brought to the collections. Items not accepted include latex paint, explosives, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, agricultural chemicals and business wastes. A complete list of household hazardous wastes that are and are not accepted is available online at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/Pages/acceptable-wastes.aspx>

Holding It All Together

by Amy McCollom



My Personal Flowers
Don't you just love flowers?! Nothing is as perfect, as fragrant, as soft, as delicate, and as memorable as a flower. From school dances, to weddings, to funerals; flowers have always been a part of our most important moments in life. Flowers also seem to be around when we are at our most vulnerable; when we are sick, hurt, lonely, grieving, deliriously confused, or in love there will be flowers. Sometimes the flowers are right in your face, and other times you have to open your eyes and look for them.

My personal flowers start with Dandelions. I can close my eyes right now and still remember how yellow they smell. If I was lucky enough to find several of them with long stems, I would gather a bouquet and present it to my mom, or my teacher, or my neighbor. The trouble with the long stems is that they leaked a sticky clear sap that was hard to get off of your hands. Even though everyone I knew tried to "set me straight" by informing me that dandelions were just weeds, there was no convincing me. Weeds weren't pretty, but these little flowers were all shades of the sun. Clearly they were flowers.

Wild purple violets that

spread across school yards, along alleys, and in front yards of houses were my next favorite flowers. The sweet fragrance was unmistakable; the tiny fragile stems much too small for a bouquet. But the color was magnificent! Whether sparse or in large patches, the purple against the backdrop of deep green grass was gorgeous. When one of my children was about 4 years old, he refused to walk in the grass. He was scared to death to set one foot off of the sidewalk. John and I tried every way we knew to reason with him and to try and find out what he was afraid of, without much success. Then finally one day when we went to the park and he wouldn't get off of our laps, it was finally revealed. He pointed to a patch of purple violets and said, "There! The mean flowers. I don't want them to hurt me. They are violent!" Just wow.

One day when I picked up Amanda from kindergarten, she announced loudly on the ride home, "I am changing my name to Chrysanthemum." Thank goodness she changed her mind; her and I both would have a great amount of difficulty spelling that one.

Everybody loves roses; how can you not? But I think my all time favorite flower is the carnation. It's not the prettiest, or the sweetest; but the memories it invokes is enough. When I sniff a carnation, I am instantly taken back to school dances, Valentines Days, wrist corsages, and funeral flowers. The fragrance

alone draws up a whole barrage of emotions.

I received a beautiful Easter Lily once from a friend and co-worker after I had suffered a miscarriage. It was such a sweet, sweet gesture and it touched my heart that someone cared. The flower was beautiful, perfect, and smelled wonderful. Unfortunately, my husband was highly allergic to the pollen, so I had to put it outside on our front porch. To this day, every time I see an Easter lily, I remember the kindness of my friend when I was at a low point in my life. I also remember not to bring one home with me or my poor husband will be sneezing his face off.

The fragrance of the rose is unmistakable. The rose is unique among flowers in shape and structure. The red rose symbolizes love, faithfulness, sacrifice, and healing. Jesus is likened to the Rose Of Sharon. As a male offers his female companion flowers to express his love, God offers us Jesus, as the perfect Rose of Sharon, to prove his love for us.

Even our human lives are compared to the fragile nature of a wild flower in the field. Here today, and blown away by the wind the next. If there is anything to learn about flowers, then we must realize that this life is temporary. Flowers are God's handiwork. And we must enjoy every flower that comes your way.

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your greatest reward for helping coach?

After a long day of school work, being able to go work with these athletes brings me so much joy. They always bring a smile to my face.

Sophia Wegeng

How long have you been involved with the Special Olympics?

This is my first year.

Why did you decide to be a part of it?

Because it is humbling to see these athletes compete in the same sports that I compete in.

What's been your greatest reward for helping coach?

Getting to see the students improve and the joy it brings them.

Taylor Orwick

How long have you been involved with the Special Olympics?

This is my first year.

Why did you decide to be a part of it?

I wanted to be able to have the experience to spend two days a week with these wonderful athletes.

What's been your greatest reward for helping coach?

Getting to make new friends with the athletes and getting to learn from them.

Kyleigh Block

How long have you been involved with the Special Olympics?

This is my first year.

Why did you decide to be a part of it?

I felt it would be a great opportunity to help and get to know the kids. I love helping them discover talents they didn't know they had.

What's been your greatest reward for helping coach?

Getting closer to every single one of the competitors. It's so rewarding to see the smile on their faces after excelling in their events.

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