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## **SPRING CLEANING? DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE PROPERLY WITH FREE PICK-UP SERVICE**

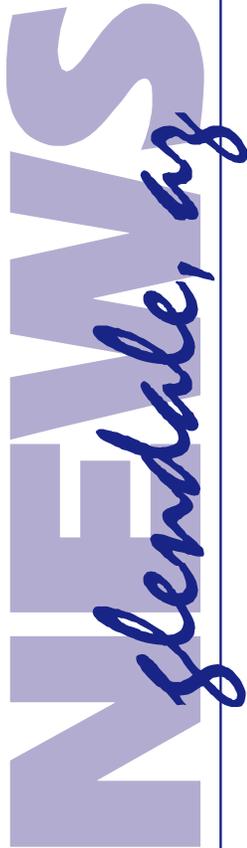
**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – If you're doing any spring cleaning in the near future, make sure you dispose of your household hazardous waste properly. Glendale can make it easy for you by offering to come to your house to pick it up.

Many residents do not realize common household hazardous waste can be dangerous when mixed with other garbage material. Items mixed together can cause fires or deadly poisonous vapors that can harm city workers or others.

In fact, Glendale Fire responds to 300 household hazardous waste incidents a year. A major concern during spring time involves residents preparing for the swim season and improperly disposing of pool chemicals.

“A number of common household items are considered hazardous waste, so we offer this free service to help residents organize and clean-up safely,” said Solid Waste Superintendent Bill Sterling. “Approximately five tons of materials were collected and properly disposed of during the last spring event.”

Residents can sign-up for the free pick-up service by contacting the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 750 households who call and schedule an appointment. Spring appointments will be taken from February 22 to March 19 and collections run March 15 through April 2.



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Hazardous materials accepted include paints and stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, pesticides, motor oil and filters, batteries, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes.

There is a 20-gallon limit on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than 5 gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents.

For more information, call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660, or visit [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com)

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