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**Douglas County Household Chemical
Roundup on May 20, 2017**

Time for Spring Cleaning! Douglas County Household Chemical Roundup makes it easy. Come to the Parker Joint Services Center, 17801 E. Plaza Drive held in Parker on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To enter the site, turn right onto Plaza Drive from southbound Twenty Mile Road.

Many common products found in the home may be hazardous and should be used and disposed of carefully. These include motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, household rechargeable batteries, solvents, house and garden chemicals, compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), fire extinguishers, items containing mercury, propane tanks, oil-based paint, and passenger vehicle and pickup truck tires. Proper disposal at the Roundup helps prevent the potential of accidental poisonings and fire hazards in the home.

Residents just drive up and volunteers will unload the materials. Douglas County participants should bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill and \$25 per vehicle to offset the high cost of hazardous waste disposal. Residents are encouraged to register in advance online at www.tchd.org/250/Home-Chemical-Waste.

A FREE Drop-and-Swap area is available where citizens can drop off and/or pick-up household cleaners, paint, car wax, antifreeze, fertilizer, and garden products that are still in their original containers. Reuse of these items promotes environmental stewardship by reducing the amount of waste disposed and additionally decreases the total disposal cost of the Roundup.

Residents with architectural paint and paint products can now conveniently drop off un-wanted paint for recycling year-round at many locations in the Denver Metro Area. The Paint Stewardship Program is operated by PaintCare and is a free option for paint recycling throughout the year at participating retailers. Visit www.paintcare.org for paint drop-off locations.

The Douglas County Household Chemical Roundups **cannot** accept waste from businesses, and are **not able** to accept radioactive waste, smoke detectors, electronic waste of any kind, scrap metal, oil drums, asbestos, or explosives.

Individuals or community group volunteers are greatly needed at this event to help with registration, vehicle off-load, and waste processing. Volunteers are allowed to dispose of their waste for free. For more

information or to volunteer visit www.tchd.org/250/Home-Chemical-Waste or call the 24-hour Household Chemical Roundup Hotline at 303-846-6249.

The Household Chemical Roundups are sponsored by: Douglas County; Centennial Water and Sanitation District; Metro Districts of Highlands Ranch; Parker Water and Sanitation District; Plum Creek Wastewater Authority; South Metro Fire Rescue; Town of Castle Rock; Town of Parker; City of Lone Tree; Inverness Water and Sanitation District; High Plains Farms Metro District; Perry Park Water and Sanitation District; Castle Pines North Metro District; Cottonwood Metro District; Louviers Mutual Service Company; Roxborough Water and Sanitation District; Interstate Batteries; and Tri-County Health Department.

In 2016, the Douglas County Household Chemical Roundup Program properly disposed of 372,222 pounds of hazardous materials and an estimated 3,030 households were served.

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