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“Detox Your Home” from chemicals safely

Have you got household chemicals that you need to dispose of?

Strathbogie Shire residents are being urged to ‘Detox your Home’ – a safe, free and easy-to-use service to dispose of common, highly toxic household chemicals without harming your health or the environment.

The household chemical collection program is coming to Mitchell Shire Council’s Seymour Works Depot (behind Seymour Sports & Aquatic Centre) on Saturday 2 June between 10am-2pm.

Strathbogie Shire Waste Engineer Darren Ritchie is encouraging residents to make the most of the Seymour event as it is currently the closest collection program for Strathbogie Shire residents to dispose of their household chemicals- like pesticides, detergents and weed killers.

“Chemical wastes of any kind cannot be accepted at any of Strathbogie Shire Council’s Waste Transfer Stations, so the collection event occurring in Seymour provides the best opportunity for our residents to dispose of their unwanted toxic household chemicals,” Mr Ritchie explained.

“Disposing of household chemicals through this service reduces the risks of poisoning, environmental pollution and fire. It also improves the rate of recycling across the state,” he said.

The chemicals dropped off are immediately sorted and placed in sealed drums and are then transported to a specialist waste treatment facility.

The majority of chemicals collected are either recycled or used for energy recovery.

The small amount that can’t be used for these purposes are stored in EPA approved secure landfills.

Before attending the Seymour event, residents are reminded to check the list of items which can be accepted, by visiting <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/You-and-Your-Home/Waste-and-recycling/Detox-your-home/Items-accepted-and-not-accepted> and can call 1300 363 744 for further information about the event.

Please note only containers up to 20 litres are accepted.

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