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## **County Safely Disposes of Nearly 913 Tons of Household Hazardous Waste in 20 Years** *Residents Disposed of 60 Tons of Waste During the County's One-Day 2018 Summer Event*

**Carlisle, PA** – Over the past 20 years, Cumberland County residents have cleaned out their basements, garages, and sheds to safely dispose of 912.84 tons of old products through the county's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program, that's equivalent to the weight of more than four-and-a-half Boeing 747 planes.

More than 60 tons of materials which included nearly 75,000 pounds of paint and turpentine, and 14,500 pounds of pesticides were collected during a one-day event this past summer.

Household Hazardous Wastes are wastes produced in households that are hazardous in nature (ignitable, corrosive, reactive, toxic), but that are not regulated as hazardous wastes under federal and state laws. While it is technically legal for homeowners to put most HHW in their trash, careless management of HHW can create environmental and public health hazards. This program sees that the wastes are managed for the hazardous characteristics they have through treatment methods such as fuel blending, incineration, wastewater treatment, and recycling.

“Our HHW program gives residents a safe alternative way to dispose of household hazardous products,” said Justin Miller, recycling coordinator. “Many of the materials we see include cleaners, pool chemicals and paint supplies. Unfortunately, hazardous waste management is expensive, limiting the frequency of collections. We thank our county, local, state government and private companies.”

This year's HHW drop-off was made possible by financial support from Cumberland County, the Pennsylvania Departments of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Advanced Disposal, Penn Waste, North Middleton Township, Newville and Lemoyne Boroughs.

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