

Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility
2018 Year End Summary Report
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For calendar year (CY) 2018, the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste facility (HHWF) served 2,367 Chisago County households. This was 139 more Chisago households than last year. An additional 169 Isanti Co. households were accommodated via the Isanti County Voucher program, 29 fewer than in 2017, and 19 Washington Co. households via the reciprocity agreement. This resulted in a combined total of 2,557 households, a record number of residential participants. Fifty –four Chisago Co. households dropped off hazardous waste at the Washington Co. facility in Woodbury, MN. On Monday May 7th we had a record 83 vehicles.....a record that was broken on Monday September 10th with 95 cars!!

The recorded number of times that people took away free merchandise from our re-use area was 191 visits. Some folks are regular participants so it would not be accurate to say that 191 different people visited. The products taken include approximately 400 gallons of paint, 380 aerosol cans, and 5,996 pounds of assorted cleaners, solvents and automotive products. The estimated disposal cost savings is around \$10,000. This is a direct and real savings to the County. The savings to the consumer exceeds that amount in paint alone considering an average retail cost charged for paint, purported to be \$31/gallon. Paintcare (PC) paid us \$859.00 for processing the PC eligible re-use paint, about \$150 less than last year.

In regards to only Chisago County residents, 36% of our participants were from the North Branch area, and 71% were from the highway 35 corridor i.e. Forest Lake to Rush City. In terms of repeat business, 75% of the participants stated that they had used the facility to dispose of waste at least one time before. These stats were almost exactly the same as last year.

In regards to the Unwanted Medications Disposal, out of 2,258 households responding to the intake survey, 28% stated that they had used the service (666 households). This percentage was the same or similar to the last

three years. In regards to which drop box was used, the North Branch Police Dept. was the most popular (56%) followed by Center City (34%) and then Rush City (10%).

These statistics are nearly the same as CY 2015 and 2016 and 2017.

We collected 1,065 pounds of unwanted Holiday lights. Twice as much as in 2017.

Paintcare legislation was passed in the summer of 2013. The Paintcare program was implemented to increase Architectural Paint collection and recycling. This resulted in a reimbursement of \$37,038.51 from Paintcare for CY 2018 via the East Central Solid Waste Commission (ECSWC). This was around \$3,000 more than in 2017. Reports are due quarterly to ECSWC who in turn, consolidates the information from any other EC Counties that have PC data and sends it to MPCA. The half year and year end reports are the invoiced reports so we will receive reimbursement twice per calendar year. The program does not include all paint so we still have paint to dispose of that is not reimbursed. The dollar liability is approximately \$4,488 so Paintcare takes care of the majority of our disposal costs for paint.

We were approved in 2013 to proceed with a plan to add some storage space to the back of the facility. We are still in the planning stage for that project.