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Attention Waltham Residents: The next Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the Lexington Minuteman Hazardous Products Facility. On this day, bring proof of Waltham residency and take your hazardous products, including products in aerosol cans, chemicals used for cleaning your car, home, and yard or personal care products to the facility located in Lexington at 60 Hartwell Avenue from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is a no fee service for Waltham residents, paid for by your tax dollars. Help the City save costs and try to collect items with your neighbors. Hazardous waste collection events in 2015 at the facility will be on Saturdays: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 13 (Sunday), October 17, and November 7.

Did you know that children, pets, and birds are often harmed by chemicals used in and around the home? Products for lawn care, pest control, and most of those used for household and laundry cleaning are harmful if they touch the skin or are swallowed. Often there is little safety information about product ingredients and how they may harm health, but there is evidence that exposure to pesticides can increase the risk of developing certain cancers in childhood. You can help keep your home and neighborhood safe, by pledging to keep toxic substances out of the trash which is later burned at a combustion facility. For additional information and a complete list of hazardous items that are not safe to throw in the trash or to pour down the drain, visit <http://www.city.waltham.ma.us/recycling-department> and view a copy of the Waltham Hazardous Waste Brochure listing all products accepted at the Minuteman facility or you can contact the Recycling Department at 781-314-3390 if you have questions.

The Minuteman Facility Committee has hired a professional contractor, *Clean Harbors Environmental Services* to collect, transport, and safely dispose of the hazardous materials and keep them out of our trash and out of our air, water, and soil. “Although there is no charge at the Minuteman facility, the city pays approximately \$45 for disposing of each carload of hazardous waste,” said Eileen Zubrowski, Waltham Recycling Coordinator, “Please help minimize these costs by buying and using less toxic cleaners and yard care products.” You can refer to this helpful guide produced by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to help you find substitutes to costly, harmful household products

<http://www.mwra.state.ma.us/03sewer/trac/athome.htm>. You can also pick up a free copy of the guide at the Waltham Recycling Department at 165 Lexington Street, located between the fire and police departments.