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## Orange County Announces Household Hazardous Waste, Pharmaceutical Collection Event for Safe Disposal Saturday, October 19 – Goshen

**Goshen** – For the safety and convenience of Orange County residents, County Executive Edward A. Diana, Sheriff Carl E. DuBois, and Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Facilities and Services Pete Hammond are pleased to announce that Orange County will be hosting a household hazardous waste and pharmaceutical collection event on Saturday, October 19 at the Orange County Fire Training Center, 9 Fire Training Lane, Goshen.

Participation is free for Orange County residents, although proof of residency is required at the time of disposal. Farms, schools, small businesses and governmental agencies must pay a fee.

"Appropriate disposal of hazardous household waste and outdated or unused medications makes our homes and our County safer for all who live and visit here," said County Executive Diana. "I encourage Orange County residents, especially those with children at home, to take advantage of this free collection service."

Farms, schools, small businesses and governmental agencies must pre-register by October 4 by calling 291-2664 to bring their hazardous waste to the collection sight on Friday October 18.

"Orange County's household hazardous waste collection events throughout the year provide residents with a convenient and cost-effective way to protect the environment and their families by properly disposing of household waste that should not go into regular trash pick-up or disposal," said Deputy Commissioner Hammond. "This special event is in addition to the regular waste disposal service we offer six days a week at Orange County's three transfer stations."

On Saturday, the Orange County Sheriff's Office will be on hand, for Operation Safe Scripts to accept any expired or unwanted pharmaceuticals, both prescription and over- the-counter.

For more information on hazardous waste disposal and for a complete list of both acceptable and unacceptable items or other questions, please call (845) 291-2664 or visit *www.orangecountygov.com/efs.* Please note that no electronics will be accepted at this collection event.