COUNTY of MARATHON

DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Re: **Marathon County Announces New Location for Clean Sweep Collection (Household Hazardous Materials)**

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(WAUSAU, Wis.) June 11, 2010 – The Marathon County Solid Waste Department announces a significant change to the Clean Sweep Program, currently located at the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 301 Alderson Street, Schofield.

Effective **July 1, 2010**, the county's Hazardous Waste Collection Site will move to the Marathon County Solid Waste Department (landfill), R18500 E. Highway 29, Ringle. The Solid Waste Department is located on the north side of Highway 29 approximately 12 miles east of Wausau and 1.5 miles east of the County Q exit. The final days and times for the Schofield Collection Site are Fridays June 11th & 25th from 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays June 12th & 26th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As a result of this move, Marathon and Lincoln County residents will have collection services available to them 5 days a week, 9 months out of the year, rather than the occasional collection event. However, after July 1st all individuals needing hazardous waste service **must** CALL IN ADVANCE to make an appointment. This ensures that trained staff is available to assist customers and provide for the safe management of their hazardous materials. Appointment days are Mondays through Fridays and appointment times are between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The number to call is 715-446-3101 extension 100.

Additionally, in order to provide household hazardous waste service to the western portions of Marathon County, a Clean Sweep Event is scheduled for October 2, 2010 at the Stratford Area Fire Department. The event will run from 9:00AM-1:00PM.

The new Hazardous Waste Collection Site WILL ACCEPT: creosote; de-greasers; fuel; ether; cleaning solvents; drain cleaners; dry cleaning fluids; gun cleaners; fungicides; herbicides; insecticides; metal cleaners; mildew cleaners; oven cleaners; floor/furniture polish; nail polish removers; thinners; oil-based paints; varnish; turpentine; hobby materials; photography cleaners; aerosol paints (no empty cans); sharps (only accepted if packaged in commercial sharps containers or heavy plastic detergent or bleach bottle with a screw on cap and clearly marked "bio-hazard" or "sharps" and "DO NOT RECYCLE").

The clean sweep program will NOT ACCEPT: ammunition; explosives; freon; latex paint; fire extinguishers or compressed gas cylinders (if empty take to landfill to recycle as scrap metal for free); medical wastes; radioactive materials; or water-based stains or caulks.

For more information regarding these changes, or for other recycling and solid waste information, please contact the Marathon County Solid Waste & Recycling Information Line at 715-446-3101 (press 2).