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DROPOFF FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES

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DELAWARE, Oh., Dec. 2, 2008 – A new option for household hazardous waste (HHW) and home computer disposal is available for residents of the Delaware-Knox-Marion-Morrow Solid Waste District.

For a fee, residents can drop off HHW on Fridays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Environmental Enterprises Inc., or EEI, at 645 E. Eighth Ave. in Columbus.

The DKMM District has contracted EEI to accept drop-offs of HHW from any residents of Delaware, Knox, Marion, and Morrow counties. Fees for the service are \$50 per passenger car load and \$100 per pickup truck load, payable by cash or credit card. During December, EEI asks DKMM residents to phone the firm at 614-294-1300 before coming to the EEI facility.

DKMM hired EEI to provide a second option for HHW disposal in the four-county district. DKMM also conducts two HHW, Tire, and Computer dropoff events every year. At least 865 households participated in this year's dropoff event Oct. 17 and 18 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, conducted with assistance from Keep Delaware County Beautiful and the Delaware General Health District.

DKMM Executive Director Keith Bailey said numerous residents have voiced desires for HHW disposal options besides the twice-a-year dropoff events. "The scheduled events are not always convenient for everyone, and despite our considerable promotion efforts, not everyone gets the word about them," Bailey said. "This provides another HHW disposal option. It's more expensive, but it's available every Friday instead of just twice a year."

EEI will accept the following HHW: oil-based, latex, and other paints, solvents, putty, adhesives, gasoline and other fuels, antifreeze, aerosols, mercury, poisons including herbicides and pesticides, and lead-acid and household batteries. EEI also will accept home computers and computer components.

EEI will not accept tires, televisions or electronic devices other than computers, or other nonhazardous waste or trash. Persons using the service will be asked to show proof of their ZIP Code of residence. For additional information, phone EEI at 614-294-1300.

EEI is located a short distance from the I-71 Eleventh Avenue exit near the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus. From the southbound exit, turn right onto Eleventh Avenue, then left onto Essex Avenue. After you pass under railroad tracks, turn right on Eighth Avenue. EEI is on the left.

For additional information about recycling, reuse, and waste disposal in Delaware County, contact Keep Delaware County Beautiful at the Delaware General Health District. The number is 740-368-1700, and the web site is www.delawarehealth.org.