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Vilas County Clean Sweep set for July 15-16 and August 5-6

Vilas County Solid Waste Committee chair Gene Cizek announced today the dates for the Vilas County Clean Sweep program. Residents wanting to properly dispose of hazardous waste according to state and federal environmental regulations may bring their waste to the following locations at the designated times:

- **Friday, July 16, from Noon to 4:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, July 17, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon**
at the Lac du Flambeau Transfer Station, Highway H

- **Friday, August 5, from Noon to 4:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, August 6, from 8 a.m. to Noon**
at the Vilas County Fairgrounds, Hwy 70, Eagle River

Vilas County property owners are invited to bring their old paint, batteries, household chemicals and fluorescent bulbs to the Clean Sweep. There are fees associated with most items, ranging from 50 cents per fluorescent bulb to \$2.50 per pound for anti-freeze. Vilas County contracts with Oneida County Solid Waste to provide licensed professionals who collect and transport the hazardous waste to their permanent facility in Woodboro.

Items that are not categorized as hazardous waste will not be accepted and are the responsibility of the owner to dispose of properly. These include household trash, recyclables including all electronic devices, as well as unwanted and expired pharmaceuticals. Electronics and other recyclables may be taken to Veolia Environmental Services in Woodruff or Eagle Waste in Eagle River. Property owners may obtain a voucher from their town or city clerk for free disposal of electronics items. Expired pharmaceuticals may be dropped at the Eagle River Police Department for no charge.

A complete list of hazardous waste items that will be accepted at the Clean Sweep is available at www.vilasrecycles.org. Property owners are encouraged to call the Vilas County UW-Extension Office at (715) 479-3648 before the drop-off if they have questions about what is accepted, in order to avoid waiting in line with potentially unacceptable items.

Last year, Vilas County property owners properly disposed of more than 6 tons of hazardous waste through the Clean Sweep. “We very much appreciate citizen attention to this important process,” said Cizek. “Their due diligence in disposing of waste properly keeps our land and water clean for all to enjoy.”