



# Our Neighborhoods

Citizens, government and industry working to promote public understanding and involvement in chemical risk management

## Household Hazardous Waste Can Be Dropped Off May 3 - Sept. 30

From May 3 to September 30, 2005, Hamilton County residents can once again get rid of their household hazardous waste (HHW) for free at two drop-off sites.

Residents do not need a voucher to participate this year and have the choice of the following locations:

- **Central Location**

Environmental Enterprises, Inc.  
4650 Spring Grove Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45232

Drop-off times:

Tuesdays from 3 - 8 p.m.  
Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed the following Saturdays:

May 28, July 2 and September 3 for holidays.

- **Northern Location**

Environmental Enterprises, Inc.  
10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45241

Drop-off times:

Wednesdays from 3 - 8 p.m.  
Fridays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Residents must show proof of Hamilton County residency when dropping off their waste. *Acceptable items* include automotive fluids, pesticides/fertilizers, solvents/thinners, paint, lawn/pool chemicals, cleaners, batteries, prescription drugs, fire extinguishers and propane tanks. The program *will not accept* radioactive materials, medical waste, explosives, tanks, tires, and appliances, among other items.

Please call (513) 946-7734 for more information or visit [www.hcdoes.org](http://www.hcdoes.org).



A citizen drops off HHW in summer 2004.

## Alliance Honors Risk Reducers

The Alliance for Chemical Safety honored the Hamilton County Solid Waste District and Cognis Corp. for helping reduce risk to the community at its fourth annual awards banquet on January 19, 2005.

The ceremony was held at Cincinnati State. The keynote speaker was Angela Blair of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board in Washington, D.C.

The Solid Waste District received an award for its pioneering efforts in reducing household hazardous waste. From May-September 2004, the district collected 292,000 pounds of waste materials from residents for free as a part of a pilot drop off program. The program was so success-

ful, the district is offering it again this year (see article above).

Cognis Corp., a specialty chemicals company in Winton Place, received an award for numerous safety improvements in handling ammonia. In addition to maintaining a minimal inventory of ammonia on site, Cognis further enhanced safety by installing ammonia leak detection devices that are calibrated to alarm at very low concentrations, among other practices.

The Alliance also honored Dr. Carl and Marjorie Evert, longtime local activists, for their commitment to improving chemical safety in the area.

WCPO (Channel 9) was awarded for its coverage of the Queen City Barrel warehouse fire in Lower Price Hill.



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about chemicals in your neighborhood.

# First Full-Scale Shelter In Place Drill Held in Hamilton County

On April 19, Hitchens Elementary School in Addyston participated in Hamilton County's first-ever full-scale Shelter In Place drill. Shelter In Place is a safety procedure designed to help protect people during a serious airborne hazardous material emergency.

About 375 children gathered on the second floor of the school, while teachers and staff sealed doors and both ends of the hallway with heavy plastic and duct tape.

"This drill is a significant milestone in our efforts to safeguard our community," says Bob Harper, chair of the Alliance for Chemical Safety. "I expected a 5-7 minute evacuation time, and was astonished to find that every child was on the top floor, and seated quietly, in 2 minutes 45 seconds. The school staff and administration should be proud of their good work."

Harper attended the event as an official



Bob Harper helps evaluate the Shelter In Place drill at Hitchens.

observer for the Miami Township Fire Department, which coordinated the drill. Bob is the Health, Safety and Environmental Program Leader for J.M. Smucker Company and also works for the Golf Manor Fire Department.

Following the drill, Assistant Chief Steve Ober of the Miami Township Fire Department and Hitchens Principal Don Larrick evaluated the drill with teachers, staff and five official observers, including two parents.

Several "lessons learned" came out of this evaluation, including the need to dedicate a land line, as opposed to a cell phone, for maintaining contact with the fire department. The school also plans to permanently attach plastic sheeting at the end of the hallways and over an office window, so it can be dropped into place for easier sealing on the sides and bottom.

"I definitely feel safe with my kids being here," says Lisa Coleman, one of the observers and a parent of two children at the school. "I think they're in good hands."



The Alliance introduced its new Shelter In Place turtle mascot at the Earth Day celebration at Sawyer Point on April 16.

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Hitchens Elementary school children sit on the second floor of the school during a Shelter In Place drill on April 19.



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