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NEWS RELEASE

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RE: <u>Health Department Holds Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event – April 26, 2014</u>

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The Bay County Health Department will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00am until 1:00pm at the Bay County Fairgrounds, 800 Livingston Ave, Bay City, MI 48708. This event is by appointment only.

The <u>free</u> collection is intended for homeowners in Bay County, and not local businesses. Materials that can be disposed of on collection day are household products such as leftover household cleaners, household chemicals, and oil based paint products. For a complete list of disposable items, please visit the Bay County Health Department's Environmental Health webpage at:

http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health/HouseholdHazardousMaterialsDisposal.aspx

For those without internet access, please contact the Environmental Health Division at (989) 895-4006, press option 3, for information regarding disposable items. *Residents must schedule an appointment* for Household Hazardous Waste Collection by calling the Environmental Health Division for an appointment at (989) 895-4006 between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Registration for the event will end Thursday, April 24, 2014

Residents are urged to dispose of household chemicals safely to prevent unnecessary waste from entering Bay County landfills and to protect our water resources. The collected materials will be properly and safely recycled or disposed of at a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility.