



Household Hazardous Waste Event Update Report

**Solid Waste Division
Public Works**

1st Annual Household Hazardous Waste Event

- August 21st, 2021
- 8am – 12pm
- Swiftel Center Parking Lot
- Hamlin, Deuel, Kingsbury, Brookings, Lake, Moody County Residents
- Free with a recommended donation of a non-perishable food item(s) to be donated to Brookings Food Pantry
- Veolia – 3rd party to handle, transport, dispose



Paint Exchange vs. HHW Event

- Paint Exchange
 - ▶ Popular event but paint only
 - ▶ 400 gallons of paint remaining after exchange in 2019
 - ▶ Restore temporarily not accepting opened cans of paint
- HHW Event
 - ▶ Dispose of aerosols, batteries, household cleaners, CFL bulbs, automotive products, ant, roach, rodent killers, weed killers, lighter fluids, oil based paint, latex paint, paint thinner or strippers, and more
 - ▶ Veoila ensures proper packaging, transport, disposal

Why?

- Daily phone calls and questions on where to dispose of HHW
- No local outlet
- **WHERE IS IT GOING?!**
 - Down the drain
 - On the ground
 - Storm sewers
 - Regular trash
 - Garages, sheds, basements



Why?

According to the EPA and the CDC, improper disposal of household hazardous waste can pose risk to

- Sanitation workers
- Environment
- Septic tanks or wastewater treatment
- Children and pets
- Catch fire, react or explode



Solution

- Upgrade paint exchange to HHW Collection Event
- Free
- Local drop-off
- Safe, environmentally responsible disposal



WHAT **WE** DO IS BIGGER THAN US.