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Clean out those old chemicals

Shoalhaven City's annual household Chemical Cleanout is on again during the 27th and 28th November.

All residents can take unwanted chemicals from around the home to the Shoalhaven City Council Administration building car park at the western end of Deering Street in Ulladulla on Saturday 27th November only and in Bridge Road Nowra on Sunday 28th November only, between 9am and 3.30pm.

This annual collection is an opportunity for residents to safely dispose of chemicals and hazardous household wastes, but only at these locations and times.

Organised by Shoalhaven City Council and the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, the free cleanout will make your homes safer, improve recycling and divert potentially harmful substances from landfill.

Director City Services and Operations Bill Paterson said the initiative will ensure a cleaner environment which means a safer, healthier community.

"By working together we can assist householders to tackle the problem of household chemical wastes by making it easy for them to drop off unwanted chemicals at no charge," said Mr Paterson. "I would encourage everyone to have a good look around their house, shed and garage and bring in chemicals to ensure safe disposal of these potentially hazardous materials. Even unknown or unidentified chemicals will be accepted for identification and correct disposal."

Many of the chemicals collected are recycled. Paints and some pesticides go to a liquid treatment plant in Homebush, batteries and gas cylinders go to recyclers and oil goes to a waste oil re-processor.

Aluminium from fluorescent lights is recycled, as is the glass, mercury and phosphor powder that is all contained in these items.

Residents are reminded that they can take domestic quantities (up to 20 litres) of motor oil only, to any of Council's 10 Recycling and Waste Depots, at no charge, all year round.

More information about the Household Chemical Clean Out can be obtained by calling the Clean Out Hotline on **1300 787 870** or the Council Waste Hotline on [02] 4429 3374 or visiting Council's web site at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/council/sections/Waste

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