

## **Hennepin County Household Hazardous Waste Site Criteria**

Prior to site selection, Hennepin County must inspect and assess each potential location. The following are characteristics that are necessary for an HHW site. The events will take place outdoors.

- Public property
- Impervious surface
- Flat or very little slope
- Size must accommodate a minimum of two 30-foot box trucks
- 300 feet of queuing space for approximately 15 participant vehicles (off-street or on-street, depending on specific site and permissions that may be granted)
- Parking space for several contractor staff
- High power lines to allow for commercial trucks (minimum 20-foot clearance)
- Must be located greater than 150 feet from a water supply well
- Must be used exclusively for the HHW collection on a specific day and during a specific time period
- Operational work areas will have controlled or restricted access to the general public
- Minimal impact on traffic in the surrounding area
- Minimal impact on the neighbors in the surrounding area
- Separate entrance and exit, to avoid congestion that may be caused by participants using the same entrance/exit
- Access for emergency vehicles
- Not blocking a fire hydrant
- Traffic flow for the event should follow the normal traffic flow (e.g., the direction on a one-way street would remain the same)
- Not immediately off a busy intersection or street

The expected participation, property size, types of waste collected, days of the week, and the hours have an effect on:

- Layout of the work area
- Queuing of participants (including the number of lanes)
- Number of staff
- Number of work vehicles
- Time on site to set up, collect HHW, and cleanup
- Extra tasks that may be required
- The time frame/lead time to plan