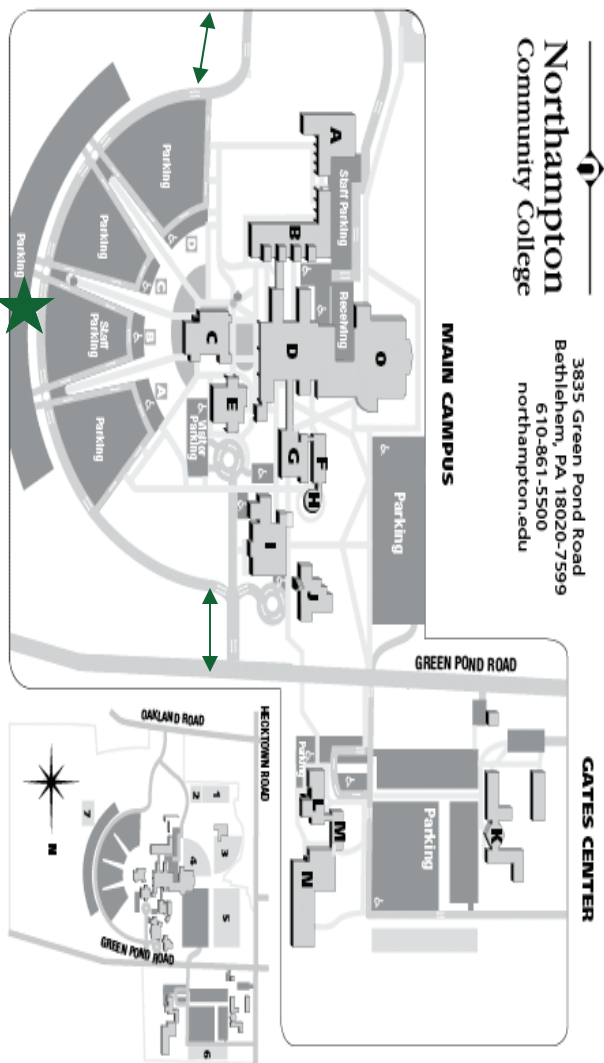


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October 10, 2009  
9:30 am to 2:00 pm

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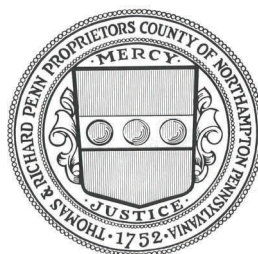
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MAIN CAMPUS

GATES CENTER

*Entrances from  
Oakland Rd  
and Green Pond  
Rd to parking  
area across  
From Kopecek  
Hall: Lipkin*



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County, PA

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This free event for County residents is  
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## What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) results from the chemical products we use around the house on a daily basis. Products like cleaners, paint, and automotive supplies are relatively safe when used as directed. However, these same products are dangerous when used or discarded incorrectly.

Look for “WARNING” labels on your household products. Anything listed as **Toxic, Ignitable/Flammable, Corrosive, or Reactive** may be HHW. Unless the label provides safe disposal options, it is likely to be considered hazardous waste.

### Why Should I be Concerned?

Hazardous wastes may pollute soil, air, surface water, or underground water. Animals and plants can experience the toxic effect of these substances immediately or slowly through increased air pollution or contamination of wells, for example.

All HHW products brought to this event will be collected and treated by a DEP licensed facility.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ACCEPTED

### Paint Products

Oil paint, varnishes, thinners & turpentine wood preservatives, furniture strippers, old gas and oil mix (No Latex—see next page)

### Automotive Products

Antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids used motor oil, car batteries

### Cleaners

Bathroom cleaners, drain cleaners, furniture polish, parts cleaners, ammonia—based cleaners, disinfectants

### Pesticide Products

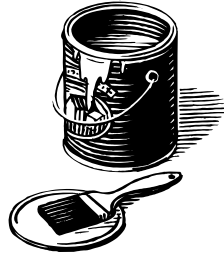
Insecticides, herbicides, rodent poisons flea collars & flea shampoos, mothballs, Lawn chemicals

### Miscellaneous

Thermostats, mercury batteries, glues & adhesives, nail polishes, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury light switches

Disposal handlers will greet you at your car and collect all hazardous household waste from you. Items not considered hazardous will not be accepted.

### Facts: Paints and Varnish



There are two types of paints and varnishes: Oil-based and water-based (latex). In oil based paints, the solvents (Mineral spirits, toluene, and xylene) are derived from petroleum. In latex paints, the solvents are water based. Although both types of paints can contain hazardous substances, latex paints generally are less hazardous and have the advantage of lower odor, easier cleanup, and faster drying time since they contain fewer solvents. Several manufacturers now make solvent free latex paint.

### How to Determine if Old Paint is Usable

Oil based paint can be good for up to 15 years. Latex paint is usable if it is less than 10 years old and has not been repeatedly frozen and thawed. If paint will mix when you stir it, it is probably usable. If there are no lumps when you brush it on newspaper, the paint is still usable.

### Disposing of Latex Paint

Solidify the old paint and recycle the empty cans. For full cans, an absorbent material like cat litter will help soak up the paint.

Paint cans are made of the same material as soup and food cans and may be placed in your recycling bins as long as there is no liquid paint in the can.