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### DEQ to participate in Household Hazardous Materials Day

BATON ROUGE – The Greater Baton Rouge Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day and Paint Swap will be held on Saturday, May 23. Citizens can bring household hazardous materials and leftover paint to Memorial Stadium any time between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entrance to the drop off site is from Scenic Highway at Foss Street in Baton Rouge.

DEQ employees have volunteered to help with HHMD since 1985 when DEQ helped initiate the program. In 1990, DEQ started the paint swap. The objective of the swap is to recycle unused paint, varnishes, stains and thinners. After the material is collected, screened and blended by DEQ volunteers, it is given to Habitat for Humanity ReStore and then sold to the public at a reduced price.

Televisions and residential waste will be accepted at the event. Commercial waste, ammunition and explosives, fireworks, radioactive devices, large gas cylinders, Styrofoam, fire extinguishers, power tools and other forms of commercial waste will not be accepted.

“DEQ works to salvage paint so it can be reused,” said Judy Schuerman, DEQ coordinator for the event. “DEQ employees have worked with the paint swap for many years and thousands of gallons of paint have been rescued.”

The collection day is a collaborative effort between Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish and DEQ.

For more information about recycling, paint disposal and common potentially hazardous materials in the home, go to the DEQ Web site at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov).