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TONH Announces S.T.O.P., E-Waste and Pharmaceutical Collection Event

Town Debuts Thermostat Return Incentive Program

North Hempstead, NY—Supervisor Jon Kaiman and the North Hempstead Town Board reminded residents today to take advantage of the upcoming Stop Throwing Out Pollutants (STOP) program on Sunday, November 8 at the Solid Waste Management Authority at 802 West Shore Road in Port Washington, NY from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

“North Hempstead recognizes the potential dangers of the improper disposal of household hazardous products,” said Supervisor Kaiman. “To address these concerns, North Hempstead offers residents an environmentally friendly way to dispose of household hazardous waste.”

Residents can return items such as aerosols, household chemicals, pesticides, disinfectants, fertilizers, bulbs, thermostats, batteries, cell phones and computers. Please bring OIL BASED PAINTS ONLY. Latex and water-based paints, once dried out (usually 24-36 hours after the lid is removed) can be placed in a trash bag and thrown out with your regular household garbage. Latex and water-based paints will not be accepted at the S.T.O.P. Collection site. OIL BASED PAINTS, are considered hazardous, and will be accepted at any S.T.O.P. Collection Day program.

Following the very successful debut of the Town’s Pharmaceutical Drop-off program on June 6, 2009, residents can also dispose of outdated and unwanted pharmaceuticals in an environmentally friendly and safe manner at the November 8th S.T.O.P. date and location.

Debuting at the November 8th STOP Program is the Thermostat Return Incentive Program. A \$5 gift card at a local hardware store or supermarket will be offered for every thermometer containing mercury that residents return. In addition, for the first time the Town of North Hempstead is proud to be launching a wonderful alternative for the residents to have the opportunity to donate the \$5.00 to *Island Harvest*. Island Harvest is Long Island’s largest hunger relief organization. Their mission is “to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island.” (Please note coupons are limited to 5 per household and donations will be made directly from Covanta Energy.)

For more information on the S.T.O.P. program, please call 311.

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