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Okaloosa Household Hazardous Waste Opens Tuesday – Saturday Beginning April 21, 2015

Just in time for Earth Day 2015, **Okaloosa County's Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off opens Tuesday through Saturday beginning on April 21**. Hours of operation will be 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, used oil, gas, anti-freeze, computers, televisions, car and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent lights, cleaners, solvents, aerosols, etc., can be dropped off at the 84 Ready Avenue location in Fort Walton Beach. For questions, contact 850-301-2013, visit www.okaloosafl.com, or follow this link:

http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/pw/environmental/hazardous-waste.

Earth Day is officially April 22, 2015 and is celebrated worldwide. **The following events are scheduled in Destin and Fort Walton Beach:**

April 13: Earth Day Celebration at the Destin Community Center at 3:30 PM. Recycling information and "Edutainment."

April 25: Okaloosa County Water and Sewer Department will promote and educate children about water conservation at the Emerald Coast Science Center Earth Day event, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Emerald Coast Science Center at 31 SW Memorial Parkway in Fort Walton Beach.

April 25: The Okaloosa County Environmental Council invites volunteers of all ages to participate in the Earth Day Beach Cleanup on Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 8-10 a.m. Receive your "Leave Footprints – NOT Stuff" event T-Shirt, trash bag, bottled water, gloves and Get a Little Sand in your Soul! Volunteers are invited to sign in at Beasley Park on Okaloosa Island, the Beach Park west of *Island Princess* on Okaloosa Island, and Henderson Beach State Park in Destin.

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