## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to participate in CleanSweepNY. Obtain a registration packet from NYSDEC by telephone at 1-877-793-3769 or e-mail to <u>info@cleansweepny.org</u>

#### **RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION** FORMS TO NYSDEC BY THESE

**DEADLINES:** MARCH 16, 2009 FOR PARTICIPANTS WITH UNKNOWN PRODUCTS OR GAS CYLINDERS AND MARCH 27, 2009 FOR ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS. About two weeks before the event, participants will be sent CleanSweepNY information including dropoff date, location and time of the collection event. Participating schools will be sent packaging instructions for their materials.

3 Safely transport unwanted pesticides and school chemicals to the assigned collection site. Once there, stay in your vehicle and present shipping papers that are provided with the CleanSweepNY instructions.

4 If you are bringing in school chemicals or if you are not a farmer or owner of a former farm and have more than 100 pounds of pesticides, please be prepared to pay a nominal disposal fee to the collection waste hauler.



**BE A PART OF CLEANSWEEPNY!** Help Manage Unwanted Pesticides and School Chemicals

The CleanSweepNY program will be held during the week of April 6, 2009 and will target Delaware, Greene, Columbia, Otsego, Schoharie, Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Montgomery Counties. Specific collection locations to be posted at: http://www.cleansweepny.org

**Register to Participate. See "How to Participate" for registration deadlines.** 

Have questions or need information Contact NYSDEC: telephone: 1-877-793-3769 e-mail: info@cleansweepny.org http://www.cleansweepny.org NYSDEC Region 4 Pesticides Program Staff: 1-518-357-2352

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# Spring 2009 Program



Collection of Unwanted Pesticides and Other Targeted Chemicals

### **CLEANSWEEPNY BENEFITS**

**CleanSweepNY is** sponsored and administered by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation through its Albany, NY Central Office Pesticides Program. CleanSweepNY provides the safe, economical collection and disposal of unwanted or unuseable pesticides, school chemicals, elemental mercury, and mercurycontaining devices such as thermometers.

CleanSweepNY also collects and recycles triple-rinsed high density polyethylene (HDPE, #2) plastic pesticide containers from agricultural and certain non-agricultural entities.

CleanSweepNY results in enhanced stewardship of the environment through improved management of unwanted pesticides



and school chemicals. These materials can pose human health risks upon exposure and a significant hazard to water resources. Through CleanSweepNY, such materials are

properly collected and disposed.

To date, CleanSweepNY has collected and disposed of over 746,000 pounds of hazardous chemicals, more than 487 pounds of elemental mercury, and almost 2,200 properly rinsed pesticide containers.

## SPRING CLEANSWEEPNY

The next CleanSweepNY event will be held during the week of April 6, 2009 and will target Delaware, Greene, Columbia, Otsego, Schoharie, Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Montgomery Counties. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. (See "How to Participate" for details.) CleansweepNY collection sites and

pricing will be posted at

The following is CleanSweepNY information on the types of materials collected, who can participate, and what materials are accepted for disposal at no or low cost.

### WHAT IS COLLECTED?

- $\checkmark$  Unwanted or unusable pesticides
- $\checkmark$  School chemicals
- $\checkmark$  Elemental mercury and mercury-
- containing devices such as thermometers
- ✓ Triple-rinsed HDPE #2 plastic pesticide containers
- ✓ Compressed gas cylinders (which must be pre-registered and identified)

If unknown products are present, an onsite visit may be needed to assess any potential hazard. If



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unknowns are needed for identification purposes, CleanSweepNY will contact you. <u>WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?</u>

- $\checkmark$  Farmers and owners of former farms
- ✓ All categories of NYS certified applicators
- $\checkmark$  Schools, cemeteries, and golf courses
- ✓ Retailers of agricultural, commercial or home/garden pesticide products

CleanSweepNY collection efforts are directed towards private and professional applicators and schools, and not



toward homeowners. (See household hazardous waste events information at http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8780.html

### FREE OR LOW FEE?

- ✓ No charge to farmers or owners of former farms
- ✓ Other participants: no charge for 100 pounds or less of pesticides
- ✓ Nominal fee for each pound of pesticides over 100 pounds
- $\checkmark$  Nominal fee for non-pesticides
- ✓ Refer to <u>http://www.cleansweepny.org</u> for pricing

Information provided to CleanSweepNY is confidential. There is **NO ENFORCEMENT POTENTIAL** for any products turned in.