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Media Release

Time to clear out your sheds of unwanted chemicals for free

Residents are being offered a free drop-off service to get rid of hazardous household and farm chemicals.

The free drop-off day, on Saturday 24 May is being offered by Zero Waste SA and Port Pirie Regional Council.

Hazardous materials ranging from pesticides to pool chemicals will be accepted from 10am to 3pm at Port Pirie Waste Transfer Station, Three Chain Road, Port Pine.

"We all tend to collect containers of leftover paint, insecticides and chemicals," says Local Member for Frome, Geoff Brock.

"However, these household chemicals can be dangerous if they are not stored or disposed of safely."

"For example, 660 cases of poisoning in South Australian households were reported between August 2013 and February 2014."

"Unwanted chemicals delivered to the collection points will be unloaded by trained workers and disposed of in an environmentally safe way."

"Householders and farmers delivering materials to the collection sites are asked to keep chemicals in their original containers where possible and ensure these are clearly labelled and sealed."

"The waste materials should ideally be transported in a utility, a trailer or the boot of a car, to maximise driver safety and facilitate unloading at the depot."

"Open or leaking containers should be transported in another container such as a plastic rubbish bin or bucket, clearly labelled with the content."

For a complete list of what can and cannot be brought to free collections visit www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au (click on Hazardous Waste).

Geoff Brock MP
Member for Frome