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### **Keep Johns Creek Beautiful's Household Hazardous Waste event draws record crowds**

**Johns Creek, GA. (Nov. 9, 2017)** – Residents of the City of Johns Creek turned out in record numbers to a Household Hazardous Waste collection event presented by the City of Johns Creek and Keep Johns Creek Beautiful. The annual event, which was held this year on November 4, allowed residents to safely dispose of materials that need to stay out of landfills but are often challenging to dispose of properly.

Over 1100 residents took advantage of the opportunity to clear out electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, paint, mercury, pesticides, household cleaners, pool chemicals, and other items. These common household products can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances, or can be corrosive, toxic or contain hazardous ingredients.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "Improper disposal of HHW can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the regular trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health."

Residents of Johns Creek praised the City's support of the event. "This is one of the smartest events the City of Johns Creek holds. There is no other place to take these types of materials. I greatly appreciate the service," said resident Marion Silverman. Another resident, William Lamm, added: "This effort is essential for Johns Creek homeowners to be able to discard long held waste that is ordinarily difficult to dispose of. Thanks for the City's effort."

This year's event marks the ninth household hazardous waste collection event that Keep Johns Creek Beautiful has organized on behalf of the City. "Our events in Johns Creek have diverted over a million pounds of toxins, corrosives, heavy metals, and paint from local landfills or improper disposal," says Kathy Reed, Executive Director of Keep Johns Creek Beautiful. "The City's support of our events demonstrates their commitment to social responsibility and sustainability, and has significantly enhanced civic and environmental stewardship."

For information on safe management of household hazardous waste, and tips on reducing HHW in the home, visit the EPA's website:

<https://www.epa.gov/hw/household-hazardous-waste-hhw>

To learn more about Keep Johns Creek Beautiful's programs, visit their website at [www.knfb.org](http://www.knfb.org).