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CITY HOSTS SPECIAL TOX-AWAY DAY
Mayor joins WIBC and 38th Street Corridor Residents in Properly Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Mayor Greg Ballard and WIBC talk show hosts Pat Sullivan, Dick Crum (Dr. Dirt) and Denny Smith joined 38th Street Corridor residents in bringing their household hazardous waste, computers, computer-related equipment, cell phones, televisions and stereos to North United Methodist Church for a special Tox-Away Day event.

The first ever in the Center Township area, this event was sponsored by the City with support from the Marion County Neighborhood Association, Butler University, Tarkington Towers Resident Association, the Martin Luther King Center, North United Methodist Church and other local neighborhood groups.

“As the cross-roads of the City, the 38th Street Corridor is a great place to host Tox-way Day events,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “This event offers concerned residents the opportunity to do their part in helping Indianapolis become one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest.

All waste collected will be disposed of through Environmental Protection Agency-approved disposal methods and all reusable electronic equipment will be refurbished and distributed back into the community. Reconditioned items will either be donated to various non-profit agencies, provided to low-income and underprivileged families or utilized for job training.

“In addition to offering residents a great opportunity to rid their homes of hazardous household chemicals, we are ensuring that these chemicals are being properly disposed of, keeping harmful contaminants like mercury and lead out of our soil and water,” said Mayor Ballard.

DPW offers a free ToxDrop collection program to make it easier for Marion County residents to dispose of their household hazardous waste year-round. For a full list of accepted materials and ToxDrop locations, visit http://www.indy.gov/Toxdrop or call 317/327-4TOX.

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