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Fairfield, Maine, 04937  
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For immediate release.

The greater Waterville area household hazardous waste (HHW) and unwanted medication collection Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> continues to build momentum with another record breaking year! KVCOCG and participating towns have hired Environmental Projects to process and dispose of HHW from area residents. These items include old oil based paint, gas, motor oil, pesticides, cleaners, pool chemicals and other difficult to get rid of materials that could potentially harm people and pets. In total, over 1000 gallons and 4000lbs of hazardous waste was collected and sent for destruction at Cycle Chem. in N.J.

KVCOCG, in partnership with Inland Hospital concurrently hosted our second annual unwanted pharmaceutical collection with the goal of keeping these medications out of the water table, lakes and rivers, and also out homes where they can lead to accidental poisoning or abuse. Inland's Pharmacist Mike Friel along with three volunteers and police officers from Waterville and Oakland P.D. collected and catalogued two 55 gallon drums full of uncontrolled medications, and a 30 gallon drum of inhalers. One hundred and thirty six households took part in the collection. Waterville P.D. collected 9,715 tablets of controlled substances that could have an estimated "street value" of \$58,168.



For more information on this event, you can call me at 453-4258 Ext 24.

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