Household hazardous waste mobile collection services set for some TN Counties on May 4

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) mobile household hazardous waste collection service will be in Tipton, Trousdale, and Williamson counties on Saturday, May 4.

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The drop-off locations are:

Tipton County – Brighton High School, 8045 Hwy. 51 South, Brighton, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The contact is Jessica Hernandez at (901) 476-0254.

Trousdale County – Trousdale County Convenience Center, 600 Industrial Park Dr., Hartsville, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The contact is Kerri Garner at (615) 374-9574.

Williamson County – Williamson County Administrative Complex, 1320 West Main St., Franklin, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. the contact is Jennifer Stanley at (615) 786-0166.

"We want it to be convenient for Tennesseans to recycle household hazardous waste, and this collection service is a great way to show that commitment," said TDEC Commissioner David Salyers. "We are pleased we can offer this service, and we encourage Tennesseans to participate."

Since the program's inception in 1993, more than 373,000 Tennessee households have properly disposed of more than 24 million pounds of material. There have been over 1,500 one-day collec-

tion events

Household hazardous waste materials are considered flammable, toxic, reactive and/or corrosive and should not be placed with regular garbage. Typical items to dispose of include cleaning fluids, pesticides, mercury thermometers and thermostats, fluorescent lamps, lithium and button batteries, aerosols, adhesives, medications, brake fluid, swimming pool chemicals, paint thinner and used needles in sturdy containers. Items not accepted include ammunition, explosives, alkaline batteries, paint, electronics, and any empty containers that should be disposed in normal trash. There is no cost or appointment necessary for household hazardous waste col-

While household waste may be disposed for free, there is a cost for disposal of Very Small Quantity Generator Waste (i.e. wastes from non-household sources such as businesses, schools, farms, churches, etc.). An appointment is also necessary. Call (615) 643-3170 to request a price quote and schedule an appointment.

Many counties and municipalities meet the needs of local residents by providing collection of batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze and electronic scrap — or BOPAE, as it is sometimes called. When handled correctly, these BOPAE materials are minimally hazardous, but inappropriate for collection at household hazardous waste events. Tennesseans are encouraged to contact their local city or county solid waste department to find BOPAE collection sites in their

When transporting materials to the site, place containers in sturdy boxes lined with newspaper or plastic to prevent spills and cross-contamination in the trunk of a car or back of a truck. Be sure to keep materials away from children and pets.

For more information on the household hazardous waste mobile collection service, please call 800-287-9013 or visit this https://tn.gov/environment

An Editorial Note
from
The Mid-South Tribune:

We Support Real Women in Women's Sports!



The NFL to open NFL Academy in Australia from sports page 1

ance NFL Academy facility on existing college grounds, to be completed in 2026, that will also be available for community use.

This will be the second NFL Academy for the league globally, with the first in the U.K. supporting athletes from across Europe and Africa. More than 40 alumni have secured college football scholarships in the U.S. since its inception with over 30 students set to play college football in the 2024 season, and 19 of those athletes playing in Division 1 college programs.

The program will also be central to continuing to grow flag football in the region for men, women and young people following the sport's successful inclusion at the LA28 Olympic Games. In partnership with the International Federation of American Football (IFAF), the league is investing in the development and growth of flag football at both grassroots and elite levels across Australia, New Zealand and around the world. Fast, highly accessible and inclusive, the non-contact format of the game is spearheading extraordinary growth in participation globally. Played by over 20 million people across 100 countries, women and girls are driving some of the fastest growth.

Jordan Mailata, Australian NFL offensive tackle for the Philadelphia Eagles and alumni of the NFL's International Player Pathway (IPP) program, will be an ambassador for the NFL Academy in Australia. Mailata's journey from being scouted by the NFL in 2017 to playing at Super Bowl LVII, provides great inspiration to young athletes from the region.

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"A.B. Paterson College is proud to be the new home of the NFL Academy in Australia," said Joanne Sheehy, A.B. Paterson College principal. "We are excited to announce this landmark partnership and celebrate the start of generational opportunities for our students, staff and the Gold Coast community. A key pillar of the partnership for A.B. Paterson College is the NFL Futures Program which will provide employment, training, and pathway opportunities for school students through the NFL, the Academy and the NFL's wider partner network. The NFL is not only strongly aligned with the College through a shared commitment to high standards in education, but the NFL are supporting A.B. Paterson College's unwavering dedication to emphasizing character development to best prepare students for life beyond the College."

"We are absolutely delighted to partner with the National Football League to create a state-ofthe-art NFL Academy facility right here on the Gold Coast," said Mayor Tom Tate. "This

deal represents a major sporting windfall for our city that will deliver capital investment benefits across 10 years. Not only will the city benefit from significant global marketing exposure, but the local community will have access to a new high-performance field and facility that will also allow us to attract more national and international sporting teams to the coast. We know that the Gold Coast is one of the top sporting cities in the world and securing this lucrative deal with a major international sporting body is proof of that. We can't wait to welcome the NFL to our city."

"Queensland, and the broader Pacific is home to some of the most naturally gifted athletes in the world. It comes as no surprise that a globally significant brand such as the NFL has identified this region as having the necessary potential for its Asia Pacific headquarters and its next international Academy," said Justin McGowan, Trade and Investment Queensland CEO. "The NFL's goals in the region strongly align with the Queensland Pacific Trade Strategy, the first of its kind in any State or Territory, and we look forward to building on our existing relationship with such a renowned international partner to unlock and grow further opportunities throughout the region."

NFL Academy talent recruitment camps will take place in Australia and New Zealand beginning in June 2024, with successful participants from these trials joining the first academic class of the NFL Academy in Australia. Athletes who cannot attend a camp are also eligible to apply at www.NFLAcademy.com

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NFL Academy – Australia

Recruitment Camp Schedule:
Gold Coast – June 29, 2024 at

Coast Sydney – July 6, 2024, The Hills Sports High School Auckland, NZ – August 24,

2024, Bruce Pulman Park

A.B. Paterson College, Gold

About the NFL Academy Pro-

The NFL Academy opened in September 2019 in the U.K., at Loughborough's world-renowned center of sporting excellence, delivered in partnership with Loughborough College and Loughborough University.

More than 40 alumni have secured college football scholarships in the U.S. since its inception with over 30 students set to play college football in the 2024 – 2025 season, and 19 of those athletes playing in Division 1 college programs.

Nike, Wilson, New Era and Riddell are supporting partners of the NFL Academy program.

About A.B. Paterson College:

A.B. Paterson College is a leading college in Australia, with a strong academic record and impressive educational infrastructure. Part of the ethos of the college is to develop its students' character and leadership skills, both values shared by the NFL Academy program. The partnership between the NFL and A.B. Paterson College will also include a career development program that will support mentoring, work experience and career pathway opportunities for college and university students and promote healthy and active initiatives throughout the Asia-Pacific region through flag football and other community events.

Registration now open for NRA Range Development & Operations Conference

Space is limited, so sign-up today!

Fairfax, VA - The National Rifle Association of America is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the NRA Range Development & Operations Conference to be held in Denver, Colorado, July 31 – August 1, 2024. This unique conference is designed to educate potential and current range

owners and operators in identifying possible issues associated with range development, environmental concerns, and safety. Attendees will receive a multidisciplinary perspective on major

- topics such as:
 Business Planning
- EPA Lead Standards
- Construction
- Sound AbatementADA Compliance
- ADA CompVentilation
- Funding/Grants
- NRA ProgramsTraining Opportunities
- "NRA Range Services is excited to bring back our in-person range conference," said Liz Bush, Managing Director, NRA Community Engagement. "This conference will offer presentations on a wide range of topics by our Nation's top experts on range development. We encourage cur-

rent range owners and anyone

thinking about building a range to join us to get the latest on safe range operations."

For more information, contact NRA Range Services at range@nrahq.org or 877-672-7264.

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