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Jack Sage, Ordinance Inspector

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TO: Mayor Bryan Barnett/City Council

RE: No Haz

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Thanks to the continued support by the Rochester Hills residents, Mayors' office and City Council, 2008 will represent the sixth year that the City of Rochester Hills has been invited to participate in the North Oakland County Household Hazardous Waste Consortium known as No Haz. No Haz is a group of government bodies representing some 15 communities who have come together to cooperatively provide a safe, convenient and cost effective disposal option for residential household waste.

Household hazardous waste or HHW, are common household items that are no longer useable or wanted. Examples of HHW are pesticides, household and automotive cleaning fluids, gasoline, oil, batteries and light bulbs. Because of demand in 2006, No Haz began to accept E- Waste (electronics and computer related items). In 2007 motor oil disposal became another accepted item and now in 2008 latex paint will also be accepted.

Unfortunately, traditional waste disposal programs are not adequate to handle household hazardous waste. The benefits of proper disposal of household hazardous waste are significant. Hazardous waste sent to normal refuse collections ends up in landfills, where toxic chemicals can degrade landfill liners, allowing hazardous waste to potentially pollute the ground water. Additionally, when poured into storm drains; these hazardous wastes can be released into the environment such as lakes and rivers.

The City of Rochester Hills and its residents have been very well represented in the No Haz program for the past five years since the programs inception. Rochester Hills continued participation in this vitally important to environmental safety and future success of the program.