## **Spring Cleaning the "Clean" Way**

"Your World" Submission for 3-24-2008

Spring is Here! And with it comes Spring cleaning. But that doesn't mean you should throw away used, unwanted cleaners, paint or other household toxic items when you're finished with them. Instead, reuse them or recycle them at the Washtenaw County Home Toxics Reduction Center! Here in Washtenaw County, citizens can recycle a countless number of hazardous household items, including aerosol cans, cleaners/polishes, fertilizers, mercury, pesticides and more! Please stop by the Home Toxics Reduction Center to make this year's Spring cleaning an environmentally friendly one that you and your family can live with all year round.

Home Toxic Collections take place on Saturdays in April – December (excluding holiday weekends) from 9am – 12noon. Yes, that means that the first 2008 collection will be held April 5<sup>th</sup>! The facility is located at 705 N. Zeeb Road. Upon arrival, follow the signs leading to the HTRP shed located behind the building. It is most highly trafficked between 11am – 12noon, so reduce your chances of having to wait in line and arrive before 11am! Please be sure to put your toxic items in your car trunk so the staff can easily access it. Please remain in your vehicle. There is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted.

Make sure to check out the Washtenaw County *Turning Trash Into Treasure Guide*, which can be viewed at <a href="http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org">http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org</a>, for creative tips on how to reduce your waste, as well as a list of local agencies that will reuse or recycle your household items.

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