

Environment

Hazardous waste day coming once again next month

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Staff Reporter

Paint, pesticides and other household hazardous waste can be safely disposed of in Stouffville next month.

York Region's waste management program is back again, John Scott, an information officer for the region has reported.

Building on the success of Household Hazardous Waste Days program during the past five years, York Region will host a series of five three-day depots, including one in Stouffville.

On Nov. 2 and Nov. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Nov. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. local residents can bring household hazardous waste to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Complex on the Ninth Line.

Household hazardous waste includes cleaning agents, automotive fluids, pesticides, paints, medicines, solvents, batteries, propane cylinders, medical needles and syringes and a variety of other toxic, corrosive, flammable or irritating chemicals.

Motor vehicles tires will be accepted.

"Because of their impact on the environment, none of these materials should be disposed of in the garbage, poured down a drain or buried in the yard," said Scott.

People dropping off hazardous wastes should bring the material to the sites in their original containers, or safely packed in well-marked containers.

Residents dropping off needles or syringes are asked to bring them in rigid, closed containers.

Scott pointed out that if people have any doubt about a product,

they are advised to look for one or more of the following hazardous materials symbols that may be on the container:

the skeleton hand, indicating corrosive materials
skull and crossbones, indicating poisons
the exploding frag-ments, indicating pressurized items such as aerosol cans of propane cylinders
the fire, indicating flammable products

Input sought on school councils

The York Region Board of Education invites parents to comment on the set-up and operation of school councils, which will be at every public school by June 1996.

Public meetings will be held at Vaughan Secondary School on Oct. 18; Markham District High School on Oct. 25; the central education centre at 317 Centre St. in Richmond Hill on Oct. 30; and the north education centre, 130 Carlson Dr., Newmarket on Nov. 2. All forums begin at 7:30 p.m.

To make a presentation at any of the meetings call Gayle Erskine at 764-6830. Written

submissions can be sent by Oct. 15 to the School Council Advisory Committee c/o Superintendent of Schools Bill Gordon, Community Education Centre West, The York Region Board of Education, 36 Stornoway Cr., Thornhill, L3T 3X7. Parents can also leave their comments on a voice mail system by calling 727-0022, ext. 471.

For more information call Bill Gordon at 764-6830. To learn more about school councils, a document called "School Councils: A Discussion and Consultation Paper" is available at schools and libraries.

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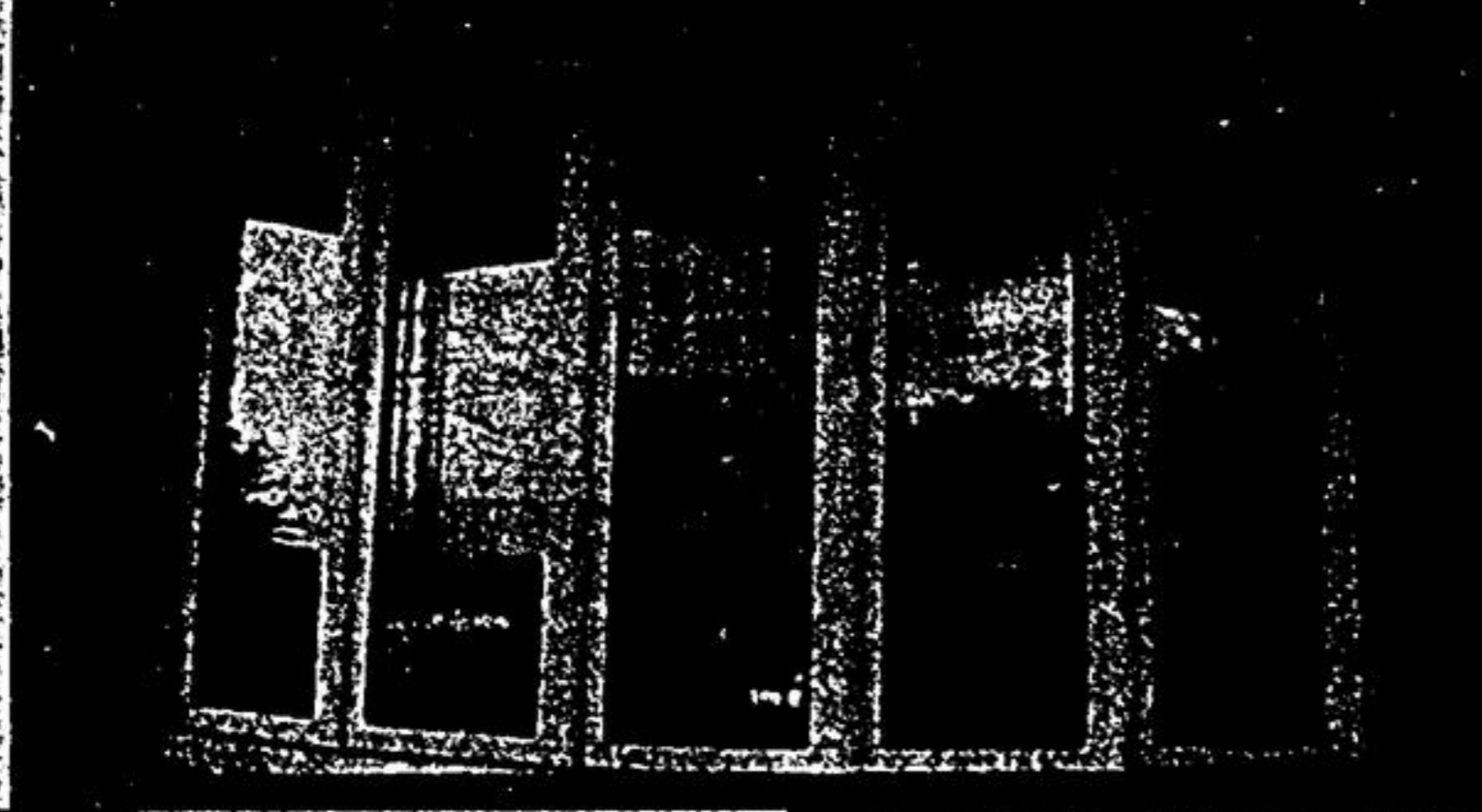
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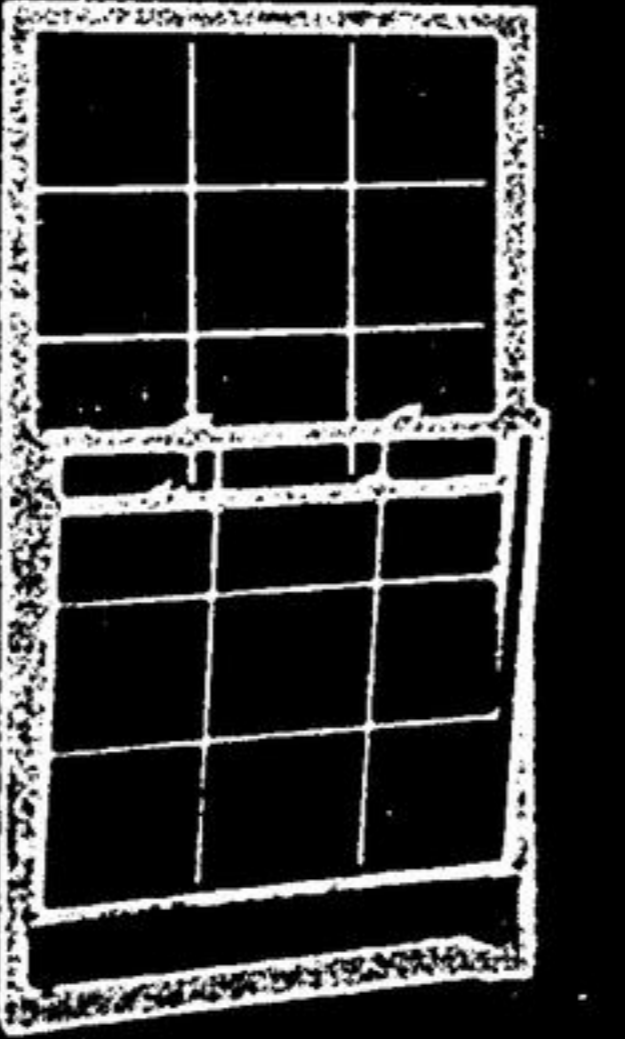
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