



HAZMOBILE ATTRACTS HUGE NUMBERS AND GATHERS TONNES OF WASTE

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The recent Hazmobile event attracted a huge number of participants and a significant quantity of hazardous waste and e-waste was received.

Council were pleased to be able to offer this Spring Fling Blooming Deal to Central Hawke's Bay residents and were impressed with the number of local residents taking up the offer.

Over 370 residents used the opportunity to have a spring clean and were delighted to be able to offload their unwanted waste for free. One local resident said "I've been waiting five years for this, thank you so much".

Queues of cars stretching over 500m along Mt Herbert Road were making the most of the offer at the Waipukurau Transfer Station between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 9 September. Council staff and volunteers were on hand to assist with the Hazmobile event and were kept busy collecting green waste, hazardous waste, old paints, chemicals, poisons and e-waste.

Darren Green from Green Sky Waste Solutions who manages the Waipukurau Transfer Station on behalf of Council said "it was a fantastic day, there was a great community spirit and people were very positive and didn't mind waiting in the queue".

Approximately 600 tins of paint, 400 tvs, 100 computers, 100 old stereos, 12 carseats and half a tonne of batteries were received. Four large 400 litre drums of poisons were collected and the onsite oil container was nearly full with close to 1,000 litres of waste oil received.

"Surprisingly, there was a huge number of old chemicals from the 1950's and 1960's" said Darren.

The local CHB Fire Brigades did a wonderful job assisting with traffic management and also helped with unloading the waste. Chief Fire Officer Steve Walker said "it was good getting the paint and unknown chemicals out of people's sheds".

Christine Renata, Safer Communities Co-ordinator said "one of the goals of the event was to get these hazardous waste out of people's homes and the event definitely helped towards achieving safer homes in our district".

The large quantities of waste received, ordinarily destined for the landfill, will be recycled where possible and all the hazardous poisons and chemicals will be disposed of safely.

160 residents make the most of "The Great Green Spring Clean" offer and offloaded their green waste for free at the Waipukurau Transfer Station. The offer was also extended to the other transfer stations over the weekend including Waipawa, Takapau and Porangahau and was well received.

The Hazmobile proved to be a worthwhile community event with local communities getting together to help one another. One local resident arrived with a trailer load of old tv's and said "I collected from my neighbours and friends. Some could not do it themselves, we worked together to do this as one group".

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