



## Organizing a Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) Collection

### *Special Topic: Transporting Wastes to a Collection*

It is very important to let participants know how to safely transport materials to the collection event. Some tips are:

- Whenever possible, bring materials in their original, resealable containers. This helps chemists determine the exact chemical make-up of the substance. All materials must be identified before disposal can occur.
- Do not mix different products together in one container. Some of them may react violently.
- If possible, pack containers separately in absorbent material to prevent breakage or leakage.
- Put materials in your trunk, away from the driver and passengers.
- If a leak or spill occurs on the way to the site, stop the car in a safe place, wipe up the substance, and open windows to vent fumes. Bring rags or towels used to absorb a spill to the collection for disposal.
- There may be a long wait at the collection center. Be patient. The contractor and volunteers are working as quickly as possible to collect and identify the materials safely.