

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Residents urged to 'Detox your Home' from hazardous household chemicals**

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Towong Shire residents are being urged to 'Detox your Home' – a safe, free and easy-to-use service to dispose of common household chemicals without harming your health or the environment.

The household chemical collection service is coming to Wodonga on Saturday 6 September. Towong Shire Council, in partnership with Sustainability Victoria, is encouraging residents to take this opportunity to get rid of unwanted – and potentially dangerous – items like pesticides, detergents and weed killers.

"Household chemicals can be dangerous," said Cr Mary Fraser, Towong Shire Council's Mayor.

"They can harm your family and your pets, add extra fuel to a house fire, release toxic fumes and pollute the environment for future generations, which is why residents should take advantage of the free Detox your Home service to safely dispose of unwanted items."

Chemicals should not be placed out with the regular rubbish collection because they could explode, ignite, leak or mix with other chemicals explained Cr Fraser. Disposing of chemicals by pouring them down the drain can also pollute waterways, cause harm to animals and vegetation and contaminate drinking water.

The Detox your Home collection will be held at the Wodonga Waste Transfer Station, 29 Kane Road, Wodonga between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 6 September.

Detox your Home is administered by Sustainability Victoria in partnership with local governments and is funded by the Victorian landfill levy. Visit [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome) for a full list of items that can be disposed of at the upcoming collection.