

Residents urged to 'Detox your Home'

Media Release

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

The Detox your Home mobile collection is coming to Lovely Banks on Saturday 14 February from 8.00am to 4.00pm and Golden Plains Shire, in partnership with Sustainability Victoria, is encouraging residents to take the opportunity to get rid of unwanted – and potentially dangerous – items like pesticides, detergents and weed killers.

“Household chemicals 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.”

Cr Phelan warned residents against putting chemicals out with the regular rubbish collection where they could explode, ignite, leak or mix with other chemicals. He also cautioned against pouring them down the drain where they could pollute waterways, harming animals and vegetation, contaminating the drinking water supply and making rivers and beaches unsafe for swimming.

“The good news is you can reduce the risk of poisoning, environmental pollution and bushfire hazards, as well as improve recycling rates, by dropping off unwanted chemicals at the Lovely Banks' Detox your Home mobile collection, its easy and its free,” Cr Phelan said.

The collection will be held at Corio Operation Centre, 299 Anakie Road, Lovely Banks. Residents simply need to turn up on the day with their unwanted items and the expert Detox your Home team will do the rest. The products collected are recycled for recovery and diverted from landfill.

The following items are accepted:

- Acids & alkalis
- Aerosols
- Anti-freeze
- Brake fluid
- Car body filler
- Car wax
- Cleaners - ammonia based
- Cooking oil
- Coolant
- Detergents, disinfectants & drain cleaners
- Fertiliser
- Fire extinguishers
- Floor-care products & waxes
- Fuels - petrol, diesel, kerosene, other
- Glues - water-based & solvents
- Herbicides & weed killers
- Insect spray/pesticides
- Nail polish & remover
- Oven cleaner
- Paint stripper, thinner & turps
- Pool chemicals
- Rat poison
- Solvents
- Transmission fluid
- Wood preservatives & finishes (oils & varnish)

The following items are not accepted:

- Paint
- Car batteries
- Household batteries
- Fluorescent lights
- Ammunition or firearms
- Asbestos
- Chemicals used by businesses
- Farm chemicals
- Gas bottles.

Motor oil, household paint, batteries and compact fluorescent lamps can be disposed of throughout the year at a permanent drop-off site at the Corio Operation Centre, 299 Anakie Road, Lovely Banks. For more information call 1300 363 744, visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome, or contact your local council