

## **Guiding Principles for HW Plan Update – 2009**

- 1) Protect water resources, the environment, and public health from use, storage, and disposal of household and small business hazardous materials through education, technical assistance, compliance, collection, and demonstration projects.
- 2) Work upstream to focus on waste prevention; promote reduction, reuse, recycling, and treatment when prevention is not feasible.
- 3) Raise community awareness of hazardous materials in everyday products and increase people's ability to make changes that protect human health and the environment.
- 4) Measure program progress regularly through data collection to identify gaps and overlaps and to ensure effective use of resources in addressing hazardous waste issues.
- 5) Create partnerships with government, schools, business and other organizations to share ideas and keep up on best available methods and technologies that can be used to provide education on reducing reliance on hazardous materials.
- 6) Integrate principles of hazardous waste prevention, waste and toxics reduction, reuse, and recycling into county practices so that we lead by example.
- 7) Define funding, staffing, and other resources necessary to achieve the goals of the plan, and regularly assess program progress to adapt to changing needs and conditions.
- 8) Ensure that program services are available to and easily accessed by all county residents and businesses.