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## WVDA and Kanawha County Commission to Hold Cleanup Event

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**Charleston W.Va.** -- The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) and the Kanawha County Commission have partnered to organize a pesticide collection for Kanawha County. During the collection, residents will be given the opportunity to safely dispose of old pesticides. The event will be held in conjunction with the Kanawha County Cleanup 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the intersection of C Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in South Charleston.

“To protect the environment, families and pets, we must safely dispose of these potentially dangerous chemicals,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “We are happy to partner with the Kanawha County Commission to provide this service. We hope folks will take advantage of this opportunity.”

Acceptable items are chemicals that end in “cide.” This includes: insecticide, herbicide, fungicide, rodenticide, larvicide and bactericide, as well as weed & feeds. Gas/propane, paint, hazardous chemicals and motor oil will not be accepted. Pesticides will be collected and disposed of by a company that specializes in handling these types of materials.

For more information contact the WVDA at 304-558-2209 or the Kanawha County Planning & Development Office at 304-357-0570.

*The West Virginia Department of Agriculture protects plant, animal and human health through a variety of scientific, regulatory and consumer protection programs. The Commissioner of Agriculture is one of six statewide elected officials who sits on the Board of Public Works.*

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