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RESIDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RECYCLING

Paper, paint and computers purged

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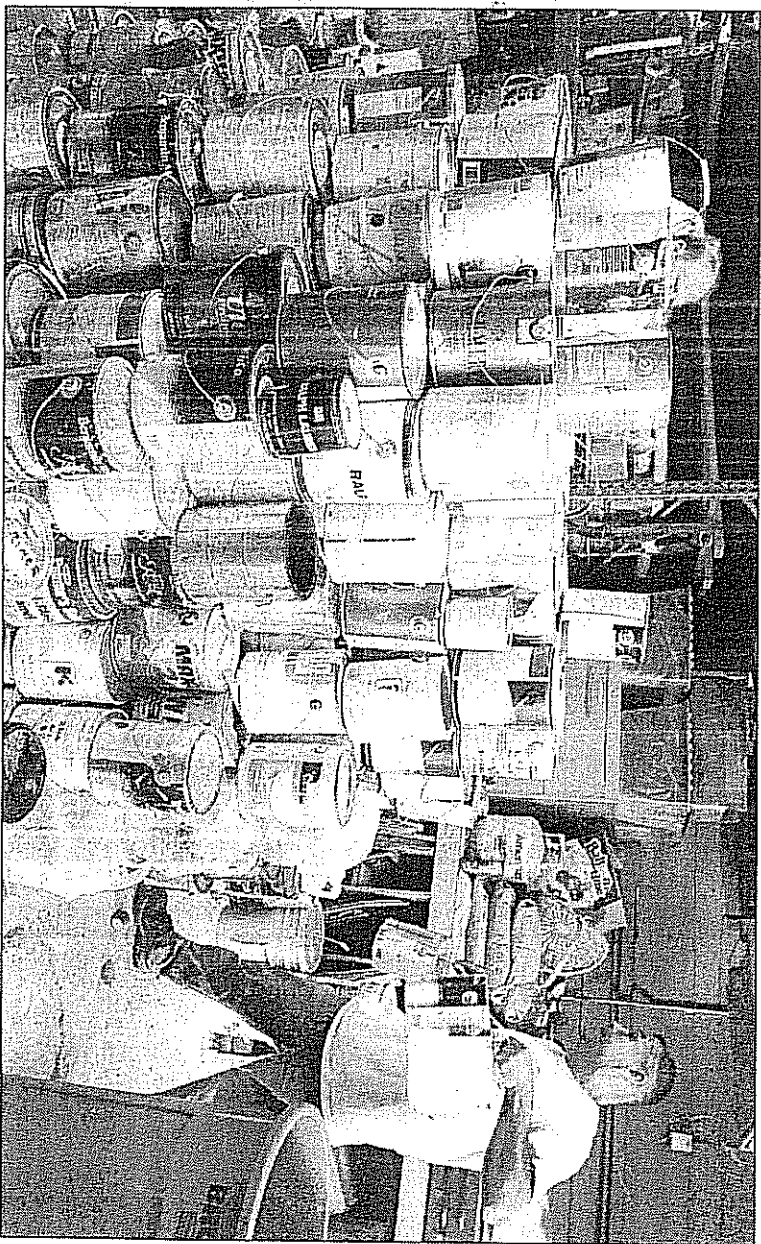
Tim Injan of Glenview drops off paint for recycling at the Northfield Township Road District Garage on Saturday morning. The next recycling event, when paint, motor oil, computer, clothes and paper may be discarded, will be Sept. 26, at the garage at 1928 Lehigh Road in Glenview. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

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Residents of Northfield Township either do a lot of repainting or they buy more paint than they need.

At Saturday's recycling collection, people brought about 660 gallons of paint to the Northfield Township Road District Garage, 1928 Lehigh Road in Glenview. It was the third such collection the township held this summer.

The events offer a safe and legal way to dispose of items that should not be put



Javier Puga, a Northfield Township employee, adds some more cans of paint to the more than 600 gallons that eventually were collected for recycling Saturday at the township garage in Glenview. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

out in the trash, like engine oil and paint, or that could be reused or recycled, like toys and ink cartridges.

"Nothing is being scrapped," Northfield Township Highway Commissioner Peter Amarantos said.

"And we're user friendly," said Amarantos, meaning township workers' help people unload their car.

Later the workers empty the paint into 55-gallon drums, which are then taken to an approved disposal site. The empty cans are crushed and recycled,

Amarantos said.

The most common items brought in were paint, paper and computers.

Township workers shredded 3,073 pounds of paper.

The shredded paper is given to Glenkirk, the Northbrook-based organization that provides services to people with developmental disabilities. Glenkirk

receives revenue by selling the paper to paper recyclers.

The township tries to distribute the materials collected in a way that helps other nonprofit organizations. For example, United Cerebral Palsy sends trucks to pick up the used computers that can be refurbished and donated to individuals

or sold to other users.

Toys are given to area churches that distribute them to needy families. A local bicycle shop repairs any donated bicycles so they, too, can be given to someone who cannot afford to buy a new bike.

The next recycling event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 26. All township

residents and businesses are invited to participate in the free program.

For more information, call the township office at (847) 724-8300, or the township road district office at (847) 724-7055; or look at the Web site, www.northfieldtownship.com.

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