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ILLEGAL DUMPING LEADING TO HAZMAT RESPONSES

Dufferin – Emergency officials are advising the public to be vigilant for anyone illegally dumping barrels, drums or garbage bags throughout the rural areas of Dufferin County. In recent weeks public works staff have discovered containers of hazardous materials that had been illegally dumped in ditches, roadways and on private property.

County Warden Paul Mills said that “Not only is this a serious risk to our environment, it poses a very real danger to staff and the public. This issue isn’t just in Dufferin County. Our neighbouring rural municipalities are also seeing this type of crime being committed”.

Anyone finding what appears to be an illegal dumpsite are advised to not touch anything and call 911 to report their findings. Emergency services will determine if there is a hazard and coordinate the appropriate cleanup of the site.

Anyone having information regarding illegal dumping is asked to call Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka at 1-800-222-8477 or visit www.tipsubmit.com

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