



SCHENECTADY INNER CITY MINISTRY

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HEALTHY HOMES – HEALTHY PEOPLE



WHAT:



HEALTHY HOMES – HEALTHY PEOPLE is a three-year project sponsored by SICM (Schenectady Inner city Ministry) that is addressing multiple environmental harms and risks to low-income, inner-city residents of Schenectady, NY by:



- Developing a culturally-sensitive community education program regarding household hazardous wastes (HHW);



- Educating inner-city residents on proper disposal of hazardous wastes and alternative non-hazardous products and encourage use of alternative nonhazardous products;



- Collecting household hazardous wastes during years 2 and 3 by bringing an HHW collection truck into a site in the inner-city of Schenectady where residents will be encouraged to bring their HHW for disposal free of charge.



WHY:



Many common products used in the home, garage, workshop, yard and garden can be considered hazardous and may contain components that have flammable, toxic, corrosive/caustic, explosive/reactive or radioactive properties.



Many individuals, not realizing the danger or not knowing what else to do, keep HHW in their homes or dispose of these products inappropriately. Left in the home, HHW may endanger health, particularly of children and pets. Disposed of inappropriately, community land and water are contaminated.



WHO:



A Program Advisory Committee, including Rev. Phillip Grigsby (Executive Director, SICM); Nancy Peterson (Project Coordinator); Jeff Edwards, Schenectady County Solid Waste Planner; a Community Outreach Worker; a representative from the Green Sanctuary Committee of the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady; a representative from Schenectady County’s Environmental Health’s Healthy Neighborhoods Program) and individuals and representatives from other organizations located in the affected community. The PAC will meet quarterly throughout the term of this Project, and will provide a forum for problem solving, discussion and brainstorming. Allison Williams is our Community Outreach Educator.



