

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2026

TIME	EVENT
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	HHW/VSQG Collection Operations 24-hr Training (Day 2 of 3) Location: Kingsley <i>Lunch Included</i>
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Identification of Unknown Location: Edgewood <i>Lunch Included</i>

MONDAY

OCTOBER 12, 2026

TIME	EVENT
7:30 AM – 4:00 PM	HHW/VSQG Collection Operations 24-hr Training (Day 3 of 3) Location: Kingsley <i>Lunch Included with purchase of add-on ticket</i>
7:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Disaster Recovery & Debris Management for HHW Managers Location: Edgewood
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Break
12:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Chemistry for Non-Chemists Location: Edgewood
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	From Dispatch to Decon: Hazardous Materials Response in Action Army Civil Support Team & Nashville Fire Department Special Operations Location: Hermitage
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Break
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Building the NAHMMA Network Speed Networking Event Location: Hermitage
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Annual Meeting of the Membership Location: Hermitage
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Membership Mixer - Light Refreshments Sponsored by Clean Earth Systems Inc. Location: Belle Meade



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

TIME	HERMITAGE E	HERMITAGE F	TWO RIVERS
8:00 - 9:30	President's Welcome & Breakfast Dignitary: Rep. Aftyn Behn & Keynote Speaker: Dr. David Padgett Hermitage Ballroom		
9:30 - 9:45	Break - Hermitage Ballroom		
9:45 - 10:45	EPR in Action: Inspiring Change for HHW Programs Alex Stockler, The Recycling Partnership & Carin Stuart, The Battery Network & Shelly Fuller, Interchange 360 Moderator: Kevin Lynch	HAZWOPER 101: Origins, Obligations, and Getting it Right Abby Holovach, Vibe Environmental Moderator: Victoria Hodge	AI in Action - Part 2: Streamlining HHW Operations Through AI Emin Israfil, Rubbish & Steve Pincuspy, PaintCare & Carlos Duque, City of Elk Grove Moderator: Kathy Rico
10:45 - 11:00	Break - Hermitage Ballroom		
11:00 - 12:00	Closing the Loop: Advancing Circular Economy Through Paint and Packaging and Recycling Suzette Danganan, Visions Paint Recycling, Inc. Behind the Scenes of Modern Electronics Recovery Operations Casey Hines, Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations Moderator: Heidi Zarghami	Vape Waste at Scale: Solving the Battery + Nicotine Challenge Ian Hoff, TerraCycle Managing Batteries Embedded in Devices Jeff Gloyd, Gloyd Recycling Solutions, LLC Moderator: Kristin Fitzgerald	Community, Compliance, and Creativity: HHW Programs That Deliver Kiana Sladicki, Pinellas County, FL & Darius Coleman, Metro Nashville Waste Services Division, TN & Josh Estey, Chittenden Solid Waste District, VT Moderator: Richard Avila
12:00 - 1:30	Prestige & Golden Bung Awards Luncheon - Sponsored by Visions Recycling Hermitage Ballroom		
1:30 - 1:45	Break - Hermitage Ballroom		
1:45 - 2:45	From Collection Programs to Policy Conversations: Lessons Learned Building a Community Battery Initiative Michael McCoy & Kayla Burkett, Metro Waste Authority Enhancing battery collection access to prevent fires! Jessica Ruiz, Zero Waste Marin Moderator: Jeff Gloyd	Data-Driven HHW Programs: How the City of Elk Grove Collects and Utilizes Metrics to Inform Improvements, Operations & Outreach Kimberly Taylor, City of Elk Grove Creating Healthier Homes and Yards to Reduce Household Hazardous Materials Jennifer Johnson & Jessica Goulet, Thurston County Healthy Homes Moderator: Maitri Dirmeyer	Bridging Generations Panel: Building the Future Workforce in Hazardous Materials Management Dustin Heidinger, Carver County; Stacie Hubbert, Allen County; Kiana Sladicki, Pinellas County; Larry Sweetser, Sweetser & Associates; Heidi Zarghami, King County Moderator: Kevin Lynch
2:45 - 3:00	Break - Hermitage Ballroom		
3:00 - 4:00	Down the Rabbit Hole: Tracking Vape Waste from Schools Tara O'Connor & Phil Nichols, Pinellas County From Pilots to Policy: Vape Waste Collection Lessons and the Rise of EPR Hanz Atia, Product Stewardship Institute Moderator: Kristin Fitzgerald	From Drawing Board to Doorstep: A Step by Step Guide to Launching a Door to Door HHW Program Spencer Silverstein, City of Thousand Oaks HHW Collection - Door Side Event or Collection Events - Which is Better Robert Medigovich, CWD Moderator: Dustin Heidinger	Optimizing Waste Diversion Through Strategic Contract Management and Operational Innovation Carlos Duque, City of Elk Grove Growing Responsibly: Buckeye's Cost-Effective HHW Program Miguel "Mike" Esquivel & Carl Haederer, City of Buckeye, AZ Moderator: Carmelita Nichols
4:00 - 5:00	Break - Hermitage Ballroom		
5:00 - 7:00	Vendor Reception & Silent Auction - Light Refreshments - Sponsored by Arcwood Environmental Hermitage Ballroom		



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

TIME	HERMITAGE E	HERMITAGE F	TWO RIVERS
8:00 - 8:30	Continental Breakfast Hermitage Ballroom		
8:30 - 9:30	EPR for HHW: Legislation Launching in WA State Pam Johnson, King County Hazardous Waste Management Program Under Pressure: Gas Cylinder Stewardship Darla Arians, Product Stewardship Institute Moderator: Jennifer Heaton-Jones	Unseen, Unregulated, Unfolding: The PFAS Crisis in DFW Abby Holovach, Vibe Environmental Zero Waste Marin Enhanced HHW Outreach Efforts Kathy Rico, Zero Waste Marin Moderator: Jessica Ruiz	Building a HHW Facility Oland Stokes, Sarasota County Moderator: Stacie Hubbert
9:30 - 9:45	Break - Hermitage Ballroom		
9:45 - 10:45	All These Batteries, What Can Be Done? Doug Kobold, California Product Stewardship Council Designed to Fail: How Single-Use Vapes Expose the Limits of Recycling Tony Hackett, Californians Against Waste Moderator: Carlos Duque	When the Inspector Comes Knocking Larry Sweetser & Jennifer Kosak, NAHMMMA Training Committee Moderator: Richard Avila	Top 5 Ways that Teams Can Design for Less Waste Generation During Construction and Demolition Erica Weeks, Paladin, Inc. Protecting Worker Health and the Environment by Working with Public Housing Organizations Heidi Zarghami, Business Services Program in King County Moderator: Lauren Scher
10:45 - 11:00	Break - Hermitage Ballroom		
11:00 - 12:00	PaintCare Potpourri: New and Exciting Initiatives Steve Pincuspy & Lauren Scher, PaintCare Moderator: Shelly Fuller	Panel: Achieving Efficiencies through Contracts, Funding, and Improved Operations Jack Ranney & Richard Lobinske, NAHMMMA Training Committee Moderator: Kelby Neal	Product Safety Outreach and Advocacy: Practical Strategies to Reduce Fire Risk, Improve Collection, and Strengthen End of Life Systems Kristyn Oldendorf, SWANA Moderator: Ken Miller
12:00 - 1:30	Luncheon with Keynote Speaker Donna Gaulding of PHMSA, Unpacking Hazmat: Inside PHMSA's Toolkit for Safer Communities Hermitage Ballroom		
1:30 - 2:00	Break and Vendor Breakdown		
2:00 -4:00	HHM Olympics Courtyard		
4:00 - 4:30	Break		
4:30 - 4:45	Load Bus & Depart for Downtown Nashville		
5:00 - 10:00	Offsite Event - Nashville Scavenger Hunt & Dinner at Assembly Food Hall (add-on ticket purchase required)		

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THURSDAY

OCTOBER 15, 2026

TIME	EVENT
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Facility Tours Location: Bus Staging Area (outside of Hermitage Lobby) <i>Lunch Included with purchase of add-on ticket</i>
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8:00 – 2:30 PM	DOT HAZMAT Awareness Location: Kingsley <i>Lunch Included with purchase of add-on ticket</i>
8:00 – 12:00 PM	Facility Design Location: Edgewood
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Break
12:30 – 4:30 PM	Explosives & Highly Reactive Chemicals Location: Edgewood

