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The Metropolitan District's
2011

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

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Dear Resident:

It's that time of year again. The Metropolitan District is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste (HazWaste) Collection in your town for the 19th consecutive year. Participating in it just might be the most important thing you do all year!

If you don't think you have hazardous waste, think again. Right now there are potentially dangerous materials lurking throughout your home. Even everyday products, like solvents and cleaners can pose serious health risks if swallowed, inhaled, or mishandled. Just think how often the containers for these products leak or are spilled!

The MDC sponsors this Household HazWaste Collection Program to provide residents of participating towns with a safe, convenient, and environmentally responsible way to dispose of their Household HazWaste. The MDC urges you to participate in any of the Household HazWaste Collections it will hold this year. Protect the health of your kids, your spouse, your pets, and the environment by participating in the MDC's Household HazWaste Collection Program.

If you are interested in volunteering for the next collection day your town's hosting, call the Metropolitan District's Household HazWaste Coordinator at (860) 278-3809.

Sincerely,

The MDC Household HazWaste Program Staff

Please note this program was designed to help homeowners dispose of common household chemicals and waste generated by everyday use and small home improvement projects. For projects requiring a contractor, make arrangements for disposal with them or a disposal contractor before work begins. Do not bring the waste to a collection!

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS WHO CURRENTLY OR FORMERLY OPERATED A HOME BUSINESS OR FARM!!

The CT DEP recently clarified the classification of waste from current and former businesses. Any waste generated by a business needs to be handled as small business (CESQG) waste, even if the business no longer exists. CESQGs have to meet certain guidelines and follow different rules than residents. If you wish to dispose of hazardous waste from a farm or business you must follow the CESQG rules and make an appointment with Clean Harbors to drop-off your waste at one of the MDC's collections. CESQGs are charged a fee for the disposal of their waste. Please call the HazWaste Hotline (860) 278-3809 for more information and to request a Small Business Package. Please note, if your business generates or stores more than a limited quantity of hazardous waste you may not be eligible for this program. Please see the Small Business Package for more information.

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Rules For Bringing Waste To A Collection Day

STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE WHILE THE CHEMICALS ARE REMOVED!!

This is for your safety and is required by our contractor's CT DEP permit.

We will take care of everything, so just sit back and relax.

- Bring your waste in their original containers whenever possible or label containers with their contents. Please make sure all containers are closed. It is dangerous to transport open containers.
- If a container is leaking, place it in a larger non-leaking, covered container and then label the container.
- Do not mix different products.
- Collect your waste containers in **disposable** boxes or bins, which should be transported in your trunk. Do not put your Household HazWaste in the backseat with your children or pets.
- **NO SMOKING IN YOUR CAR!** Most wastes are flammable.
- Bring something to read, the wait is usually 5-15 minutes, but can be up to 30 minutes (and at the very large collections sometimes longer).
- If possible, leave children and animals at home.
- Remove other items from your car or trunk that could be mistaken as Household HazWaste (like brand new fertilizer or antifreeze).



2011 MDC Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

(Collections are held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.*)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 30, 2011	Farmington	Farmington High School, 10 Monteith Drive
May 7, 2011	Newington	Town Garage, Fenn Road
May 21, 2011	Enfield	Stanley E. Jablonski Complex, 40 Moody Road
June 4, 2011	Windsor	Poquonock WPCF, 1222 Poquonock Avenue.
June 18, 2011	Hartford	ML King School, Corner of Westbourne Pkwy and Blue Hills Ave
June 25, 2011	Wethersfield	High School, 411 Wolcott Hill Road
Aug. 13, 2011	Simsbury ^{'''}	Henry James Memorial School, 155 Firetown Road
Aug. 20, 2011	Bloomfield	Public Works Building, 21 Southwood Road
Aug. 27, 2011	Ansonia ^{'''}	Public Works Complex, North Division Street
Sept. 10, 2011	Rocky Hill	Rocky Hill WPCF, 80 Goff Brook Lane
Sept. 17, 2011	Ellington	Town Garage, 21 Main Street
Sept. 24, 2011	West Hartford	Public Works Garage, Oakwood Ave Ext off New Park Ave
Oct. 1, 2011 [^]	South Windsor/E. Windsor	South Windsor High School, 161 Nevers Road
Oct. 8, 2011	Middletown ^{'''}	Moody School, 300 Country Club Road
Oct. 15, 2011	East Hartford	East Hartford WPCF, 65 Pitkin Street
Oct. 22, 2011	Hartford	Hartford WPCF, 240 Brainard Road
Oct. ??, 2011 (Sunday)	?	Date and location to be determined
Oct 29, 2011	Windsor Locks/E. Granby	Public Works Garage, 6 Stanton Road, Windsor Locks

(WPCF = Water Pollution Control Facility)

*One collection is held on a Sunday.

[^]Pending budget approval

^{'''} Collection hosted by multiple towns.

Ansonia collection hosted by Ansonia, Derby and Seymour.

Simsbury collection hosted by Simsbury, Avon, Canton and Granby.

Middletown collection hosted by Middletown, Cromwell, Durham, East Hampton, Middlefield and Portland.

RESIDENTS OF ANY PARTICIPATING TOWN (LISTED BELOW) CAN PARTICIPATE IN ANY MDC SPONSORED COLLECTION DAY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ansonia • Avon • Bloomfield • Canton • Cromwell • Derby • Durham • East Granby • East Hampton • East Hartford • East Windsor^{**} • Ellington • Enfield • Farmington | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granby • Hartford • Middlefield • Middletown • Newington • Portland • Rocky Hill • Seymour • Simsbury • South Windsor^{**} • West Hartford • Wethersfield • Windsor • Windsor Locks |
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^{**}East Windsor and South Windsor residents may participate in collections through June 2011. Participation in the fall collections (Aug. – Oct.) is pending budget approval, please check www.themdc.com in July for updates.

Identifying Household Hazardous Waste

Many products that we use all the time contain hazardous chemicals that with repeated or excessive contact may lead to lung problems, brain and nerve damage, cancer and even death. A product is considered hazardous if it's:

- **TOXIC** - can injure or kill if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin
- **FLAMMABLE** – ignites easily and burns rapidly
- **CORROSIVE** - can cause permanent tissue damage through contact
- **REACTIVE** - creates an explosion or produces deadly vapors

Other labels for hazardous materials are Caustic, Combustible, Oxidizer, and Poison. You can learn to avoid these chemicals by reading the labels. The following signal words are used to categorize hazardous materials.

- **Danger** and **Poison** are the most hazardous, with doses of 1 drop to 1 teaspoon being lethal.
- **Warning** is applied to chemicals considered toxic with lethal doses between 1 teaspoon and 1 tablespoon.
- **Caution** is the least toxic category with lethal doses between 1 ounce and 1 pint.

These signal words will be near a phrase that describes the nature of the hazard, such as “vapors harmful” or “extremely flammable”. Refer to Page 24 for non-toxic alternatives to many cleaning products and other household chemicals. Common household hazardous wastes, which can be brought to a collection day, are listed on Page 3. This list is not all encompassing; there may be other hazardous items or chemicals in your home. Call the HazWaste Hotline (860) 278-3809 if you are not sure about an item.



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What Happens To The Items Brought To The Household HazWaste Collection?

Recycling – Antifreeze, rechargeable batteries, lead-acid batteries, fluorescent bulbs, some mercury, propane tanks, and fire extinguishers may be reprocessed into useful products.

Fuel Blending – Solvents not suitable for recycling, some paints, kerosene, gasoline, and other flammable or combustible liquids will be blended to make fuel for industrial kilns or boilers.

Incineration – Most paints, pesticides, herbicides, aerosol cans, cleaners, waxes, and flammable materials not suitable for recycling or fuel use will be burned in special high temperature incinerators equipped with air pollution monitoring instruments and control devices. Cyanides, acids, bases, and oxidizers are also incinerated because the HHW contractor has found this type of waste often contains contaminants when collected from residents. The contaminants interfere with the chemical treatment process normally used for these types of wastes.

Fixation/Stabilization – Some liquids will be treated to make their hazardous constituents immobile.

Landfills – Most untreated Household HazWaste is already prohibited from landfills. EPA is now phasing in regulations which will assure that no untreated household hazardous waste will be sent to landfills – only residues from waste treatment.

Household Hazardous Wastes Accepted

Acids	Disinfectants	Kerosene and Fuel Oil	Pesticides
Adhesives	Drain Cleaners	Lighter Fluid	Polyurethane
Aerosols	Epoxy Products	Lithium Batteries	Pool Chemicals
Alkaline Batteries	Flea Repellants	Mercury	Power Steering Fluid
Ammonia	Floor Care Products	Mercury Switches	Rechargeable Batteries
Antifreeze	Fluorescent Bulbs (Tube)*	Mercury Thermometers	Road Flares
Ant sprays and baits	Fungicides	Mercury Thermostats	Transmission Fluid
Artist's Paints	Gasoline and Diesel	Moth Balls	Turpentine
Brake Fluid	Glues	Oil or Alkyd Paint	Wood and Metal Polishes
Cleaning Solvents	Herbicides	Oven Cleaners	Wood Preservatives
CFLs*	Insecticides	Paint Strippers/Thinners	Wood Stain

Other Acceptable Items:

Asbestos – This includes some types of insulation, shingles, and tiles. Only a small quantity of asbestos can be accepted and the material must be dampened and double bagged. The material must be damp when it's brought to the collection. Call (860) 278-3809 to notify the HazWaste Coordinator that you are bringing asbestos containing material to a collection or to request an asbestos information pamphlet (See Page 9). **The Coordinator has the right to reject this material if prior approval was not received.**

Chemistry Sets – Old chemistry sets can contain some very hazardous materials. Call (860) 278-3809 to notify the HazWaste Coordinator that you are bringing an old chemistry set to a collection.

Frying Oil – Oil must be brought in a rigid plastic container (no larger than 5-gallons) with a screw top lid.

PCB Ballasts – & Capacitors Ballasts must be removed from the light fixture. Capacitors must be removed from the appliance.

Lead Paint Chips – & Sand Blasting Grit Contact the HazWaste Coordinator at (860) 278-3809 for approval before bringing the material to a collection **The Coordinator may reject this material if prior approval was not received.**

*CFLs, Fluorescent – & other Mercury Bulbs Place in a container or tie bulbs together to prevent them from breaking during transport. Do not put bulbs in the same container as batteries.

Special conditions apply to any products stored in 55-gallon drums and the MDC HazWaste Coordinator must give prior approval before the waste can be brought to a collection. **The Coordinator has the right to reject this material if prior approval was not received.

Facts About Household HazWaste

FACT: Americans generate 1.6 million tons of Household HazWaste per year.

FACT: The average household generates approximately 30 pounds of Household HazWaste.

FACT: These products can jeopardize your family's health if improperly used or stored.

FACT: They can pollute our air, land, and water supplies, if they are thrown in your regular trash, on the ground, down your sink or toilet or into a storm drain.

It is illegal to dump hazardous materials on the ground or down storm sewers. Call the local police or CT DEP ((860) 424-3338) to report violations.

Batteries

The MDC now accepts all household batteries (not car or motorcycle batteries) at its collections. The first step in determining what type of battery you have is simple; read the battery label. The rechargeable and non-alkaline batteries typically specify what type they are on their labels.

Bringing your batteries to a Household HazWaste Collection? Please separate them into three groups:
Household Batteries (Alkaline); Button Cells; and Rechargeable Batteries
Certain batteries have specific packaging requirements and our contractor spends a lot of time sorting batteries.

Alkaline batteries are used to power many household products like flashlights, stereos, and toys. Most of these batteries are not labeled as alkaline. A good rule of thumb is, if it's not labeled as a rechargeable or lithium battery and it looks like a regular battery, it is an alkaline battery.



Button cell batteries found in watches, hearing aids, small clocks, and gadgets are also non-rechargeable. They may be lithium, silver oxide, or zinc air.

Non-rechargeable lithium batteries are not always button cell sized. The lithium batteries used in cameras and other electronics come in several varieties.



There are several different types of rechargeable batteries including Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium-ion (Li-ion), and small sealed lead-acid (Pb). Once again, to determine what type of battery you have, read the label. In addition to the standard rechargeable batteries that require a battery charger, these batteries are also found in cordless power tools, cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, remote control toys, and portable household appliances. Several types are shown below.

EXAMPLES OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES	
Lithium-ion	
Nickel-Cadmium	
Nickel Metal Hydride	
Sealed Lead Acid	

UPS Battery Back-up Systems – These systems are usually powered by sealed lead-acid batteries. These batteries can be brought to a District collection but they **must be removed from the outer casing** before we can accept them. The batteries can also be disposed of at a Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) drop-off location.

The RBRC also accepts rechargeable batteries at drop-off locations at local retailers like Home Depot, Lowe's RadioShack, Staples, and Whole Foods Market. Visit www.call2recycle.org or call 1-800-822-8837 to find a drop-off location. Please contact the drop-off location prior to visiting, as the RBRC's list is not always up-to-date.

Disposal – Today's standard household batteries - the alkaline AA's, C's, D's, and 9-volts - have been re-engineered to be less toxic, making them safe to dispose of in your normal trash. Please be aware, if you have old batteries, possibly manufactured prior to 1997, when the phase-out of mercury-based household batteries began, they likely contain mercury, and should be recycled.

Almost all participating towns accept lead-acid car and motorcycle batteries from their residents; see Pages 15 & 16 for disposal locations in your town. Car and motorcycle batteries can also be recycled at most auto parts stores where they are sold.

Fluorescent Bulbs & Compact Fluorescent Bulbs



Fluorescent bulbs (straight, U-shape, and compact, etc.) are more efficient and last longer than incandescent bulbs. Fluorescent bulbs save electricity and are better for the environment. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says if every U.S. household replaces one regular incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb, Americans would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes for a year. While enjoying the benefits of CFLs and other fluorescent bulbs it's important to remember one thing. These bulbs contain mercury and must be disposed of properly. Store worn out fluorescent bulbs in a solid container or in a safe place so they will not break.

See Pages 15 & 16 to determine if your town collects fluorescent bulbs and CFLs.

Fluorescent bulbs, CFLs, and other bulbs containing mercury may be brought to a HazWaste Collection for disposal. If your town does not accept these bulbs and you can't wait for a collection, try the following companies:

- Green Monster Recycling – Fluorescent bulbs accepted for a small fee, 150 Brook St., West Hartford – 860-816-2281 - www.greenmonsterecycling.com
- Home Depot accepts unbroken CFLs at the returns desk of local stores. www.homedepot.com
- Lowe's Home Improvement accepts unbroken CFLs in the recycling drop box. www.lowes.com

If a fluorescent bulb or CFL breaks in your home follow these recommended clean-up guidelines:

1. Ventilate the room

- Open a window.
- Leave the room and restrict access for at least 30 minutes.
- If possible, ventilate the room with a floor or pedestal fan by facing it towards the open window. Using a ceiling fan will not be as helpful at moving the air out of the window.

2. Pick up all the materials you can

- Never allow pregnant women or children near the spill area.
- Remove all metallic jewelry, which might attract mercury magnetically.
- Wear disposable gloves. You should never touch mercury with your bare hands.
- Carefully scoop up the fragments and powder with stiff paper or cardboard.
- Sticky tape (such as duct tape) can be used to pick up small pieces and powder.
- Wipe the area clean with a damp paper towel or disposable wet wipe.
- Afterwards, shine a flashlight on the area to double check for missed spots.

3. Double bag and recycle

- Place the broken bulb and cleanup materials in doubled plastic bags and seal the bags.
- If the bag cannot be immediately disposed of it should be stored in a sealed glass container in a protected area outside.
- Take the materials to a local household hazardous waste collection event or a fluorescent lamp recycling facility.
- If possible, continue to ventilate room for as long as possible (at least several hours).

4. Wash your hands

For more information on CFLs, visit EPA's website at http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls.

Other Bulbs Containing Mercury

CFLs are probably the first thing you think of when someone mentions mercury in bulbs but there are other light bulbs out there that contain mercury. The following types of lamps all contain mercury: tanning, black lights, germicidal, cold cathode, high intensity discharge (HID) lamps like metal halide, mercury vapor, and high pressure sodium, mercury and mercury xenon short-arc, and neon. Only a few of these bulbs are regularly used in people's homes but no matter where they are used please remember they contain mercury and require proper handling and disposal. More detailed information can be found at <http://www.newmoa.org/prevention/mercury/imerc/factsheets/lighting.pdf>.



Lawn Care

Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers are some of the most hazardous products in your home. Children and pets are at risk of becoming sick from exposure to these lawn care products. When it rains lawn care products are washed into storm drains and eventually into rivers and the ocean. Fertilizers remove oxygen from the water, and pesticides are poisonous to aquatic life. Follow the suggestions below to help reduce your use of pesticides and other lawn and garden chemicals.

Suggestions for conventional lawn care.



- Have your yard tested to determine the fertility level of your soil before using fertilizers or pesticides. This way you will know exactly what your lawn's needs are.
- Make sure you know the size of your yard and only use the recommended dose. Pesticides are very potent and a little goes a long way.
- Check the weather and don't fertilize within 48 hours before rain or the fertilizer may be washed away.
- Leave grass clipping on your lawn. The grass clippings will provide nutrients to your lawn and help hold in moisture so less watering is necessary.
- Mow to a height of 3 inches or more. Cutting the grass very short stresses it and makes it more susceptible to disease. Letting the grass grow longer chokes out weeds.

You can have a nutrient analysis performed on your soil or have a plant or disease identified for a small fee by the University of Connecticut. For more information contact the UConn Home and Garden Education Center at (877) 486-6271 (toll free), 1380 Storrs Rd., Unit 4115, Storrs, CT 06269-4115 or at www.ladybug.uconn.edu.

If you keep your lawn thick and healthy it will be able to resist pests, weeds, and disease on its own, without the use of hazardous chemicals.

Storing pesticides – Did you buy too much fertilizer or other lawn care product(s); keep it for next year. Remember store it carefully. Keep it in a secure, well-ventilated dry area, protected from the heat and cold. Keep fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides, and insecticides separated.

Safe Alternatives to Lawn Care Products

Lacewings and Ladybugs: Don't harm lacewings and ladybugs because they prey upon aphids.



Organic Fertilizer: Animal manure, seaweed, sawdust, hay straw, peat moss, fishmeal, and fish scraps are all natural fertilizers. Just don't add more than necessary.

Companion Planting: Including certain plants throughout the garden can repel a variety of insects. Plants helpful for repelling insects include nasturtium, tansy, euphorbia, rue, dahlias, marigolds, aster, cosmos, coreopsis, garlic, chive, savory, rosemary, petunias, and thyme. It is also helpful to mix plants; when a garden is set aside for one type of plant it becomes a target for a particular pest.



Insect Spray: Blend 6 cloves crushed garlic, 1 minced onion, 1 tablespoon dried hot chili pepper, and one tablespoon soap in 1 gallon of hot water. Let sit for 1-2 days, strain and use.

Slugs and Snails: Pour beer into a flat receptacle, like a plate or pie tin, and place it below ground level in the infested area. Slugs and snails will accumulate; just throw them away.

Mercury

What is mercury?



Metallic (elemental) mercury is a shiny, silver-white metal that is a liquid at room temperature. Mercury is the silver liquid metal used in thermometers and some electrical switches. At room temperature, some of the mercury will evaporate and form mercury vapors, which are colorless and odorless. These vapors can damage the kidneys and nervous tissue.

Where do you commonly find mercury?

- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Mercury-oxide batteries
- Electronic switches
- Security devices that detect movement
- Paints manufactured before 1990 (especially marine and deck paints)

How to clean-up a spill and dispose of mercury

- Put on rubber gloves.
- Use two stiff pieces of cardboard to collect broken glass, mercury, or mercury-containing glass pieces and powder into a pile.
- Use an eye dropper to collect mercury beads and discard the eye dropper in a plastic container.
- Carefully collect all of the glass into the plastic container.
- Use the sticky side of some duct tape to collect any remaining glass and mercury and discard the tape in the plastic bag.
- When the clean up is done place the rubber gloves and cardboard pieces in the plastic bag.
- Seal both the plastic container and plastic bag and label each as “mercury waste”.
- DO NOT vacuum the area until 2-3 days later. Vacuuming up mercury can make it spread into the air.
- If possible, open a window to ventilate the area for at least 24 hours.
- Bring the mercury waste to a HazWaste Collection for disposal.



Earth 911

At Earth 911's web site <http://www.earth911.org>, people can use a zip-code based recycling locator and environmental resource portal for information on how and where to recycle in their communities. U.S. residents can find local recycling centers for various household items such as batteries, used motor oil and tires.

Unacceptable Items for MDC Collections

Please note these are **possible** disposal options. The specified organization must be contacted to verify they actually dispose of the listed item prior to bringing your waste to their location. HazWaste should never be dumped at a facility or at a temporary HazWaste site before a collection. This is an environmental and safety hazard and is also illegal.

Ammunition (including gunpowder) - Call your local Police Department.

Asbestos – See Pages 3 and 9 for additional information. Call the HazWaste Hotline (860) 278-3809 to request an asbestos information pamphlet for homeowners.

Biohazards/Biological Waste – Hire a contractor to properly dispose of waste.

Business Waste – The MDC accepts small business waste at its collections, by appointment only. Companies must call the HazWaste Hotline to see if they qualify and to request a small business information package. Business waste can only be accepted if all program requirements have been met. No exceptions.

Car Batteries – See Pages 15 & 16 for additional information.

Cement – Cement, also known as Sacrete or Quikrete, is not hazardous. Call your town to find out if you should dispose of it in the garbage or at your Transfer Station.

Creosote Coated Railroad Ties – Railroad ties are not hazardous; contact your local Department of Public Works or Transfer Station for possible disposal options.

Electronics – See Pages 10 & 11 for disposal information.

Empty Containers of any Kind - Dispose of in the regular trash. A container is considered empty when no more than one inch or 3% (by weight) of material is left in the container.

Explosives – Your local Police Department may accept them, but you must call and verify before bringing.

Fire Extinguishers – Your local Fire Department may accept them. Information on emptying fire extinguishers and disposing them as scrap metal can be found at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/hazardous/fireex.htm>.

Freon – Some towns will accept refrigerators and air conditioners containing Freon for disposal (usually for a small fee). Contact your local Dept. of Public Works or Transfer Station for information. United Refrigeration in Hartford (860-278-9200) and New Haven (203-787-2200) will accept Freon tanks for disposal.

Marine Flares – Pyrotechnic flares cannot be accepted at the Collection because they are categorized as explosives. Disposal of marine flares may be done at DEP's "Flare Days" or by appointment only. Call the DEP Boating Division at (860) 434-8638 and ask for the Navigation Safety/Boating Access Unit for more information.

Ice Melt – Ice melt is not hazardous and can be disposed of in the regular trash.

Latex Driveway Sealer (Genite) – Driveway sealer is not hazardous; solidify then throw in the regular trash.

Latex Paint – See Page 12 for disposal information.

Medicine/Drugs – See Page 13 for disposal information.

Needles/Syringes- See Page 14 for disposal information.

Propane Tanks for Gas Grills - See Pages 15, 16 and 17 for disposal information.

Refrigerators - Call the Public Works Department in your town for disposal instructions.

Smoke Detectors - Send smoke detectors back to the manufacturer. See Page 19 for more information.

Tires - Call the Public Works Department in your town for disposal instructions.

Used Oil & Oil Filters – See Pages 15, 16 and 18 for disposal information.

Asbestos

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a mineral fiber, which was used in a variety of household products and construction materials prior to 1978. Asbestos is extremely hazardous when the fiber becomes airborne; in fact, exposure to asbestos for periods of time have been linked to asbestosis, lung cancer and other deadly diseases. If you suspect that a material in your home contains asbestos, contact the installer or manufacturer or secure the opinion of a knowledgeable contractor – **before you attempt removal**. Asbestos abatement, involving more than three linear feet or three square feet of asbestos-containing material, must be performed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor. The Connecticut Department of Health recommends homeowners do not handle or perform any asbestos abatement.

Where do you commonly find asbestos?

- Pipe insulation in homes built between 1920 and 1972
- Vinyl sheet flooring and resilient floor tiles between 1954 and 1980
- Ceiling and wall insulation in homes built between 1930 and 1950
- Sprayed or troweled ceiling in homes built between 1945 and 1978
- Roof shingles and siding
- Some textured paints and patching compounds sold before 1978
- Stove and furnace insulation

Zonolite™ Attic Insulation, loose fill insulation, purchased or put in place before 1990 may contain asbestos. This insulation is made with vermiculite which may be contaminated with tremolite, a rare form of asbestos. Commercial vermiculite can range in size from very fine particles to large (course) pieces nearly one inch long. Vermiculite attic insulation is a light weight, pebble-like, pour-in or add-on (loose) product and is usually light brown or gold in color. Its texture is often compared to "popcorn". If you think you have vermiculite insulation get more information at <http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/insulation.html> or call the EPA's Asbestos Line at 1-800-471-7127.

Where do I go for assistance if I think I have an asbestos problem?

The Hartford Yellow Pages (under "Asbestos Removal Service") has an extensive list of area businesses and contractors who are licensed and insured to safely remove asbestos.

Contact the individuals listed below for additional information.

CT Dept. of Environmental Protection

Dave McKeegan, at (860) 424-3313

Connecticut Department of Health

Asbestos Program, at (860) 509-7367

Electronics

The electronics industry is constantly growing and supplying us with more hi-tech products. Newer models are becoming available and replacing older models at a rapid rate. As a result, electronics are becoming one of the fastest growing portions of America's trash. Electronics can contain hazardous materials, such as cadmium, lead, and mercury. These hazardous materials can be released into the environment through incinerator ash or landfill leachate.

What products are considered consumer electronics?

- TVs and Monitors
- Computers
- Computer Peripherals
- Audio Equipment
- VCRs & DVD Players
- Video Cameras
- Telephones
- Cell Phones
- Fax & Copying Machines
- Wireless Devices
- Video Game Consoles

Reason for Concern

It is estimated that more than 163,000 computers and TVs become obsolete in the US **every day**. Studies estimate that the number of obsolete computers in the US will soon be as high as 315 to 680 million units.

Help keep electronics out of the trash!

- ♻️ Contact your town to find out if electronics are accepted for recycling.
- ♻️ Contact the electronics manufacturer to see if they have a recycling program.
- ♻️ If you are purchasing a new computer see if the company has a take back program. Many computer retailers will recycle your old computer when you purchase a new one from them.
- ♻️ Donate your old electronics to a local charity or school for reuse or refurbishing.

Electronics Collections

CRRA typically holds at least two electronics collections, one spring and one fall, in the Hartford area. Check their website for the collection schedule http://www.crra.org/pages/schedule_electronics.htm or call (860) 757-7788.

Town Programs

New electronic waste recycling regulations requiring all towns to provide their residents with some type of free electronics collection (only computers, TVs, monitors, and printers are currently included) are going into effect this fall. Information available at time of publication is summarized on pages 15 and 16. Please check the CT DEP's website (<http://www.ct.gov/dep> and search for "residential electronics") for up-to-date information for your town. According to the law, the towns cannot charge a fee for recycling computers, TVs, monitors and printers but they can charge a fee for recycling other electronics. Contact the facility to verify items accepted and any fees prior to dropping off the electronics.

Manufacturer Take Back Programs

Only a sampling of manufacturer take back programs is provided. For program specifics, go to the webpage provided and do a search for "recycle".

Canon – Many Canon products recycled for a fee. <http://www.usa.canon.com/templatedata/AboutCanon/recycle.html>

Dell – Dell products recycled for free. All other brands \$10 or free with in-kind purchase. <http://www.dell.com> or drop off at participating Goodwill stores and donation centers.

Epson – Recycles all Epson brand products. <http://www.epson.com> search recycle.

Hewlett Packard –HP will pay for your old electronics (TVs not included). <http://www.hp.com>

Lexmark – Accepts all Lexmark products for recycling. <http://www.lexmark.com>

Sony – Recycles all Sony products if sent to a Service Center. <http://www.sonystyle.com> click support link.

Toshiba – Recycles all products or trade-in any brand with purchase. <http://toshiba.eztradein.com/toshiba/>

Retailers

Staples - Accepts any brand of computers, monitors, laptops, printers, faxes, and all-in-ones for recycling at any of its stores for \$10 per item. Dell items are accepted at no charge. Smaller computer peripherals such as keyboards, mice, and speakers are accepted at no charge. www.staples.com or 1-800-3STAPLE for store locations.

Office Depot – A Tech Recycling Service box can be used to recycle any brand of monitors, PCs, printers, scanners, DVD players, MP3 players, etc. The boxes can be purchased for \$5, \$10, or \$15. Once filled the unsealed box is returned to Office Depot. www.officedepot.com/techrecycling

Radioshack – Trade in your electronic gadgets (laptops, MP3 players, GPS units, car audio, camcorders, etc.) for a RadioShack gift card. <http://radioshack.cexchange.com/>

Donation or Reuse

Global Harmony Institute – Farmington, CT – 860 674-9023 – Working computers, Pentium III or better accepted & refurbished for non-profit groups & schools. <http://www.globalharmonyinstitute.org/initiatives-computer.htm>

National Cristina Foundation – Directs donations of computer equipment to organizations that train people with disabilities, students at risk and economically disadvantaged persons to lead more independent & productive lives. www.cristina.org

Freecycle – Let people know you want to give your items away by posting them on your local Freecycle page. Your trash may be someone else's treasure. www.freecycle.org

Rethink Initiative – EBay offers resources to help people sell, donate, and recycle their electronics. <http://rethink.ebay.com>

EZTradein.com – Trade in your old technology for *Paypal*[®] cash. <http://ebay.eztradein.com>

Electronics Recyclers

Computer Works – Free drop-off during business hours – Call First. 400 Corporate Row, Cromwell – 860-632-0111 - www.thecomputerrecycler.com

Green Monster Recycling – Free drop-off during business hours, a fee is charged for most TVs, 125-A Brook St., West Hartford – 860-816-2281 - www.greenmonsterecycling.com

Kaplan Computers – 61 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester – 860-643-6474 - www.kaplancomputers.com

Electronics Recyclers (By Internet/Mail)

These companies offer recycling services for a variety of electronics for a fee. Homeowner purchases service on-line or over the phone then ships the computer or other items to the company.

Green Disk Recycling Services – 800-305-3475 - www.greendisk.com

Metech International – 888-638-2761 – www.recycleapc.com

MPC Computers – 1-888-224-4247 – www.mpccorp.com/services/shared/recycle.html

Latex Paint

Latex paint is not designated as a household hazardous waste, so the MDC HazWaste program will not accept it for disposal. Fortunately there is an easy - and safe - way to dispose of your old latex paint. Crack the lid and let the paint dry out. (You can add kitty litter to the paint to speed up the drying process.) Once the paint is dry, throw the cans, with the lids off, in your regular trash, one can at a time. One additional note: When letting the paint dry out, keep the cans away from heat or damp/wet areas, and make sure children and animals can't get into them.

Empty paint cans (oil based or latex) can be put into your regular trash once the residue is dried out. A container is considered empty when less than one inch of material is left in the can.

Avon residents can dispose of their latex paint at a drop-off facility located at the Avon Landfill. The drop-off facility is open between April and October. Contact the Avon Landfill at 860-673-3677 for additional information.

IMPORTANT

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that about 30% of latex paints produced before 1990 contain mercury. A mercury-containing pesticide was added to these paints as a preservative. If you believe your paint was manufactured before 1990, contact the manufacturer to determine if the paint contains mercury. Be sure to know the brand names, batch numbers, types of paint and any other relevant information you can get from the containers. If the manufacturer tells you that your latex paint contains mercury, boldly mark the can(s) so HazWaste Collection personnel can dispose of the paint properly. If you cannot contact the manufacturer, the Household HazWaste Coordinator may be able to help. Please call 860-278-3809 for more info.

REMEMBER:

- 1. Buy only what you need.**
- 2. Use latex paint whenever possible.**
- 3. Bring oil-based paints to any one of the MDC-sponsored Household HazWaste Collections.**



Medicines/Drugs

Expired or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter medications have traditionally been disposed of by flushing them down the toilet or a drain. Scientists and government agencies are now warning us **not** to flush medications down the toilet or drain. Pharmaceuticals and personal-care items such as antibiotics, painkillers, estrogen, antidepressants, blood pressure medicines, fragrances, cosmetics, and vitamins are resistant to wastewater treatment and trace amounts are discharged into our rivers and streams. A nationwide study of streams conducted between 1999 and 2000 by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) found the presence of pharmaceuticals, hormones, and other organic wastewater contaminants in 80% of the streams sampled.

Disposal Options

TakeAway™ envelopes available at participating Rite Aid and Walgreens offer disposal of over-the-counter and prescription medicines for \$2.99. http://www.sharpsinc.com/takeaway_faq.htm

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has initiated National Drug Take-Back Days with local police departments. An event is scheduled for April 30th from 10 am to 2 pm. Check http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html to find a collection site near you. Another event should be scheduled later in the year if you miss this one.



If these options don't work for you, it is recommended that you dispose of your unwanted medications in the trash. Most trash in CT is incinerated at trash-to-energy plants, not landfilled, so throwing your medications in the trash will not contaminate groundwater. Follow these precautions to prevent accidental or intentional ingestion.

1. **Keep the medication in its original container.** The labels may contain safety information and the caps are typically childproof. Leaving the content information clearly visible, scratch out the patient's personal information or cover it with permanent marker.
2. **Modify the medications to discourage consumption.**
 - For solid medications, such as pills or capsules, add a small amount of water to at least partially dissolve them.
 - For liquid medications, add enough table salt, flour, or charcoal, to make a smelly unsightly mixture that discourages anyone from eating it.
 - For blister packs, wrap the blister packages containing pills in multiple layers in duct tape or another opaque tape.
3. **Seal and conceal.** Tape the medication container's lid shut with shipping or duct tape, and place it inside a non-transparent bag or container to ensure the contents cannot be seen.
4. **Discard.** Throw the bag or container in your garbage can; do not place in your recycling bin.

You can also ask your pharmacy if it will take back expired drugs. Some pharmacies have programs to dispose of inventory they cannot sell, as well as consumers' left-over medicines.

Managing other types of pharmaceutical waste

Unused ampoules, vials and IV bags – Scratch out patient's name but otherwise do not open packages. Wrap the container(s) with tape to minimize breakage, and then place in an opaque plastic bag or container. Wrap the outside of the bag or container with additional duct or shipping tape to prevent leakage and to further obscure the container's contents. Dispose of the container in the trash.

Chemotherapy drugs – These products require special handling. Do not throw them in the trash or flush them down the drain. Work with your healthcare provider to determine proper disposal option for this type of medication.

Additional Information

EPA's Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Product Page - <http://www.epa.gov/ppcp/> - Find out more about this issue and how it may affect you.

CT DEP – <http://ct.gov/dep> and search for "safe disposal of medicines".

Needles/Syringes/Lancets

The EPA does not recommend disposing of Sharps in the regular trash. Sharps disposed of in the trash are a safety hazard to anyone who has access to the trash - your children, pets, trash collectors and disposal facility employees. Used Sharps can injure people, spread germs, and spread diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B and C, tetanus, and syphilis. Victims of Sharps-related injuries face the cost of post-injury testing, disease prevention measures, and counseling, even if no infection or disease was spread. Some diseases can take a long time to appear on test results, leading to months of testing and apprehension.

The EPA recommends the following disposal methods:

- Drop-off Collection Sites
- Syringe Exchange Programs
- Mail-back Programs
- Home Needle Destruction Devices



Needles and syringes cannot be accepted at household hazardous waste collections in CT. The programs and devices listed below are available in the Greater Hartford area. Contact your local health department or health care provider for more information.

Mail-back Programs

A detailed summary covering most of these programs can be found at www.sustainablehospitals.org under Sharps Containers– Mail Back Programs.

Humira[®] Pen and Syringe Disposal – free mail-back disposal of Humira pens and syringes is included with the purchase of these products. Go to <http://www.myhumira.com/Disposal/Default.aspx> or call 1-800-4-HUMIRA for more information.

Allegro Medical	800-861-3211	www.allegromedical.com
DPH Home Delivery	888-744-7347	www.dhphomedelivery.com
Familymeds Pharmacy (Patient Safety Program)	888-787-2800	www.familymeds.com
Medasend Biomedical, Inc.	800-675-2537	www.medasend.com
GRP & Associates, Inc.	800-207-0976	www.sharpsdisposposal.com
Sharps Compliance	877-927-8363	www.sharpsinc.com
Stericycle, Inc.	800-355-8773	www.stericycle.com/sharps-disposal.html

Home Needle Destruction Devices

These devices are available for purchase at your local pharmacy and online.

Voyager Diabetic Needle Disposal
Zims Disintegrator Plus
B-D Safe-Clip

For more information, contact the **Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal** (www.safeneedledisposal.org or 1-



800-643-1643), a collaboration of businesses, community groups, non-profit organizations and government that promotes public awareness and solutions for safe disposal of needles, syringes, and other sharps in the community. If you cannot find any other options, sharps can be placed in the trash. The sharps must be placed in a hard plastic or metal container with a screw-on or tightly secured lid. Prior to placing in the trash the lid should be reinforced with heavy-duty tape and the container should be marked “Sharps”.

Propane Tanks, Car Batteries, Used Oil, and Antifreeze

Car batteries and used oil are very common household hazardous wastes and towns provide drop-off locations for their safe disposal. The following table is provided to help you locate your local drop-off locations. Used oil and car batteries are not accepted by the MDC at the Household HazWaste Collections because the program is geared toward items that the towns cannot accept. Motor oil and car batteries are collected from town residents at the Ansonia, Bloomfield, Enfield, Farmington, Newington (motor oil only) and Windsor Locks Household HazWaste Collections. Motorcycle and lawn mower batteries are usually accepted at locations that accept car batteries. We have included information on other hazardous materials the towns accept. **Improper disposal of propane tanks can cause problems with trash collection vehicles and result in explosions at the waste-to-energy facilities.** If your propane tank is not empty or if you are not sure if it is empty, **DO NOT REMOVE THE VALVE**. Only the propane tank disposal fees are included in the table. Additional fees may be charged for the disposal of other items listed. Please call your town's drop-off location for further information.

Town	Disposal Location	Items Accepted by Towns					
		Used Oil	Car Batteries	Antifreeze	20-lb Propane Tanks	Elec.	Other Items and Notes
Ansonia	Public Works Complex, North Division St; 203-736-5945	X	X			X	
Avon	Landfill, 281 Huckleberry Hill; 860-673-3677	X	X	X	X		TVs, Freon appliances; Latex paint; Propane tanks \$5.
Bloomfield	Bloomfield/Windsor Landfill, 500 Huckleberry Rd, Windsor; 860-285-1833	X	X		X	X	
Canton	Landfill/Transfer Station, Ramp Road; 860-693-7866	X	X	X	X		Propane tanks - valve must be removed.
Cromwell	Transfer Station, Shunpike Rd; 860-632-3420	X	X	X	X	X	Freon appliances; Propane tanks - limit two 20-lb tanks/day.
Derby	Transfer Station, Pine Street; 203-736-1468	X	X	X		X	
Durham/ Middlefield	Transfer Station, Cherry Hill Rd; 860-349-8702	X	X	X			Freon appliances. Transfer station permit required.
East Granby	Recycling Center, Turkey Hill Rd; 860-653-6822	X			X	X	Propane tank - valve must be removed.
East Hampton	Transfer Station, Bear Swamp Rd; 860-267-4747	X	X		X		Propane tanks \$5; valve must be removed.
East Hartford	Landfill, 61 Ecology Drive; 860-291-7363 or 291-7355	X	X	X	X	X	Bulky waste permit required.
East Windsor	Transfer Station, 9 Shoham Rd; 860-292-7073	X	X				Used oil/car batteries curbside on recycling day. Freon appliances bulky waste drop-off.
Ellington	Town Garage, 21 Main St.; 860-870-3140	X	X	X	X	X	Fluorescent bulbs; Propane tanks – leave valve on.

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Enfield	Town Garage, 40 Moody Rd; 860-763-7524	X	X		See Note		Town Garage open 3rd Saturday of each month. Fire Dept. accepts propane tanks on HHW collection day.
Farmington	Highway Garage, 544 New Britain Ave; 860-675-2550	X	X				Motor oil in sealed non-returnable container <2 gals. 1-lb propane tanks & fire extinguishers at HHW collections
Granby	Transfer Station, Old Stagecoach Rd; 860-653-8960	X	X	X	X	X	Alkaline & rechargeable batteries; Ballasts; Fluorescent bulbs; Propane tanks \$5.
Hartford	Bulky Waste & Recycling Center, 180 Leibert Rd; 860-757-9311	X	X	X		X	For City services and information call 311
Middletown	Recycling Center, Corner Johnson and No. Main St; 860-344-3526	X	X	X	X	X	Fluorescent bulbs; Ballasts; Propane tank - valve must be removed. Fire extinguishers at HHW collection.
Newington	Landfill, Main Street or Highway Garage, Milk Lane 860-667-5874	X	X	X	X	X	Oil, car batteries, antifreeze and electronics at Landfill; Oil & propane only at Highway Garage, Milk Ln.
Portland	Landfill/Transfer Station, Sand Hill Rd; 860-342-6732	X	X	X	X	X	Freon appliances; Propane tanks \$10.
Rocky Hill	Town Garage, 2 Old Forge Road; 860-258-7709	X	X	X	X	X	Fluorescent bulbs; Alkaline & rechargeable batteries; Turkey fryer oil. Propane tanks - leave valves on.
Seymour	Transfer Station, Silvermine Rd; 203-888-0168	X	X	X		X	Freon appliances \$15.
Simsbury	Bulky Waste Recycling Center, Wolcott Road; 860-658-3222 Paine's: 860-658-9481	X	X		X	X	Empty propane tanks \$5 - leave valve on.
South Windsor	Town Garage, 157 Burgess Rd.; 860-648-6366	X	X	X			Used oil (curbside) & car batteries (in bin) on recycling day. Antifreeze at Town Garage.
West Hartford	Recycling Center, Brixton St; 860-236-4236	X	X	X	See Note		Propane tanks collected at DPW facility, 17 Brixton St, only during small metal collection; valve must be removed.
Wethersfield	Transfer Station, 100 Marsh St; 860-721-2846	X	X	X		X	Fluorescent bulbs; Ballasts
Windsor	Windsor/ Bloomfield Landfill, 500 Huckleberry Rd, 860-285-1833	X	X		X	X	
Windsor Locks	Dept. Public Works, 6 Stanton Rd; 860-627-1405	X	X	X		X	Residents only, \$2 per visit for electronics

Car batteries can also be taken to ACDelco or Advance Auto Parts stores for recycling. Advance Auto Parts will also recycle your used motor oil. Look in the yellow pages under "Automobile Parts & Supplies" or visit ACDelco's and Advance Auto Parts' websites to locate the store nearest you.

Commercial Propane Tank Disposal Locations

You may be able to dispose of your propane tank at one of the locations listed below or return the propane tank to the place you bought it. Many companies and local hardware stores will dispose of an old gas grill tank for you if a new propane tank is purchased. If the locations below are inconvenient for you, check your yellow pages (under “Gas - Liquefied Propane”) for other options. Always call before you bring your propane tank anywhere for disposal. The disposal fees may change depending on the tank size.

This list has been provided for your convenience and is not an endorsement for any particular company. Please note: the fees listed are for gas grill size tanks. Call the location to find out if it accepts 1-lb tanks.

Enfield

Hawthornes
97 North Maple Street
(860) 749-8189
(\$5.00 service fee)

Stafford Springs

High Grade Gas Service
19 Middle River Drive
(860) 749-8035
(\$5.00 service fee)

Unionville

Parson’s Paint & Hardware
92 South Main St.
(860) 673-2424
(\$4.00 service fee)

Farmington

Troys Citgo
1097 Farmington Ave
(860) 677-2740
(\$5.00 service fee)

Trumbull

The Rural Gas Co.
7176 Main Street
(203) 261-3641
(\$5.00 service fee)

West Hartford

Lou’s Auto Service
1056 New Britain Ave.
(860) 236-2593
(\$5.00 service fee)

Glastonbury

Bemer Petroleum Corp.
210 Commerce Street
(860) 659-3515
(\$5.00 service fee)

West Hartford

Pfau’s Hardware
982 Farmington Ave.
(860) 523-4201
(\$5.00 service fee)

Hartford

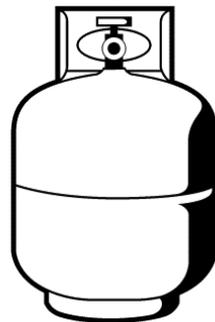
U-Haul
755 Capitol Avenue
(860) 527-5251
(\$10.00 service fee)

Wethersfield

Cross Automotive
708 Silas Deane Hwy.
(860) 529-5743
(\$5.00 service fee)

South Windsor

PropaneGas Service, Inc.
420 John Fitch Boulevard
Route 5
(860) 289-0267
(\$5.00 service fee)



Wethersfield

Wethersfield Rental
474 Silas Deane Hwy.
(860) 563-0448
(\$4.00 service fee)

Oil Filters



How to drain your used oil filter (once it has been removed):

1. Drain the filter of any oil. Using a sharp tool, puncture a hole in the dome end of the filter or through the antidrain back valve located on the flat end of the filter. Allow the used oil to flow into a container appropriate for recycling oil.
2. Place the flat end of the punctured filter on the used oil collection container and drain as much used oil as possible out of the filter. It is important for used filters to be drained between 12 and 24 hours near engine operating temperature and above room temperature (approximately 60° F).

The CT Department of Environmental Protection recommends recycling used oil filters as scrap metal. Recycling all the filters sold annually in the United States would result in the recovery of about 160,000 tons of steel, or enough steel to make 16 new stadiums the size of Atlanta's Olympic Stadium. Please contact the drop-off location for your town, listed on pages 15 and 16, to determine if your town recycles used oil filters.

NO DUMPING



If you see illegal dumping of used oil, call the local police dispatch or the CT DEP at (860) 424-3338.

- One gallon of used oil can pollute 1 million gallons of fresh water (a year's supply for 50 people).
- Used oil can foul sewage treatment processes.
- A cup of oil can spread a very thin sheen over more than an acre of calm water.
- An oil sheen can block sunlight, impair photosynthesis and prevent the replenishment of dissolved oxygen, which leads to fish kills.

Smoke Detectors

There are two types of smoke detectors, ionization and photoelectric. Ionization smoke detectors contain a small amount of a radioactive substance, usually Americium 241. The ionization smoke detectors are required to be labeled to notify the consumer that the device contains a radioactive material.

How do I properly dispose of an old ionization smoke detector?

- Ionization smoke detectors contain a radioactive material but the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has exempted all homeowners from the regulatory requirements for handling, storage and disposal of radioactive materials.
- Ionization detectors are considered a very low level radioactive waste, acceptable to throw in the trash.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends that people return the ionization smoke detectors to the manufacturer instead of throwing them in the trash.
- These companies are subject to regulatory requirements and must dispose of the detectors as radioactive waste.

Which companies will accept returns of ionization smoke detectors?

Several companies that manufacture smoke detectors will accept old detectors from consumers. A list of some manufacturers and their contact information is provided below. If the manufacturer of your smoke detector is not included, check the box the detector came in or the company's website for a Customer Service phone number.

It is costly for the manufacturer to dispose of the detectors so they are quick to tell customers that call that it is okay to throw them out. Often the customer must insist that they do not want to just throw them in the trash and then the company's customer service representative will tell them their return policy.

Unless instructed otherwise by the company, you should place the smoke detector in a sealed plastic bag and pack it in a sturdy cardboard box with sufficient shock absorbing material to protect from damage during transit. Include a note instructing the company that you are sending them a smoke detector for proper disposal.

Company, Address & Phone	Instructions
American Sensors/Dicon Global Attn: Disposal 20 Steelcase Road West Unit 3 Markham, Ontario L 3R1B2	Accepts Dicon, North American Detectors, Inc., and American Sensors . Send by regular mail or UPS Ground Prepaid. Call company before sending detector (1-800-387-4219). Write on the customs form that the package contains a defective smoke detector and the value is \$0.
First Alert & BRK Brands Attn: Waste Disposal 3920 Enterprise Court Aurora, IL 60504	FamilyGuard and BRK brands. Send by regular mail or UPS Ground. More info at www.firstalert.com or www.brkelectronics.com . May charge a handling fee. Call customer service before mailing smoke detector. 1-800-323-9005
Walter Kidde Kidde Safety & Customer Service (Disposal) 1394 South Third St. Mebane, North Carolina 27302	Accepts Lifesaver and KIDDE Fyrnetics. Include a note telling the company that you want them to dispose of the enclosed detector. Customer Service - 1-800-880-6788
Siemens Building Technologies Inc. 8 Fernwood Rd. Florham Park, NJ 07932	Accepts Pyrotronics, Cerberus or Siemens. Contact the company for mailing instructions. 1-800-222-0108

Antiperspirant & Deodorant Sticks

You may not know it but some antiperspirant and deodorant stick containers can be recycled. Look on the bottom of the stick to make sure the number corresponds to what your town accepts. If your town accepts that number throw it in with your plastic recyclables. Make sure to check the dial on the bottom of the stick, because the center of the container is often made of a different type of plastic that is not recyclable. Tom's of Maine makes a deodorant dispenser that is completely composed of plastic No.5.

Arts & Crafts Supplies

Instead of throwing out supplies that are still in good condition donate them to a battered women's shelter. *The Susan B. Anthony Project* is a shelter in Torrington, call (860-489-3798) to make arrangements with them. You can also donate supplies to *Family Services of Greater Waterbury* (203-756-8317). They provide a safe house for children 3-12 years of age.

Baby Supplies

World-Wide Lighthouse Missions is located in Manchester and accepts baby supplies. Call first to make arrangements (860-645-4141). Used car seats are not accepted. *Gifts of love* in Avon accepts high chairs, strollers, newer cribs, and other baby items. Contact them at (860-676-2323) or on the web at www.giftsoflovect.org.

Backpacks

The American Birding Association accepts used backpacks, scientists use these while tracking neotropical birds. (www.americanbirding.org).

Bicycles

Catholic Charities, Migration and Refugees Service located in Hartford offers to do pickups (860-548-0059). *The Hartford Catholic Worker* is an agency that works with the poor in North Hartford, you can drop your bikes off at 18 Clark Street in Hartford. *Pedals for Progress* accepts donated bikes, ships them to impoverished countries and works with organizations to teach people there how to repair bikes; the bikes are then used for free transportation and a self sustaining repair business. www.p4p.org/.

Books

Paperback books are recyclable and can be put out in curbside collections. Hardcover books are too rigid to recycle, however you can remove the cover and recycle the other pages inside of the book. You can also check with your local library to see if they accept donations.

Brita Filters

Visit www.preserveproducts.com to find a location near you to drop off your filter. If there is no location in your area let the filter dry out for at least three days and mail it to:

Preserve Gimme 5
823 NYS Rte 13
Cortland, NY 13045

Building Materials

Rebuilding Together is a national non-profit. They have offices in several different towns, for the office nearest you visit www.rebuildingtogether.org. Some of the items they accept include: hammers, saws, caulking guns, scrapers, putty knives, utility knives, pipe wrenches, yard tools, step ladders, painters tape and large scrub brushes. Call your local office to find out specific needs.

Carpeting

Check with your carpet manufacturer or go to www.carpetrecovery.org to find a carpet reclamation facility near you. Some carpet manufacturers have their own recycling programs like Milliken (www.millikencarpet.com), Shaw (www.shawfloors.com), and Flor (www.flor.com).

Cars, jet skis, boats, trailers, or motorcycles

If these items are unusable (totaled, rusted) call around to junk yards in your area or go to www.junkmycar.com and they will pick up these items for free. Some charities will also accept these items as donations.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees can be recycled into mulch and compost. Every community has a pickup or drop off, call your local garbage company to get more information.

Clothing

There are several local places that accept donated articles of clothing. *My Sisters Place* in Hartford will take women's, kids and baby clothing.(860-895-6629) *Safe Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation Center* (860-653-2811) accepts old flannel shirt and old white t-shirts to use for animal bedding. *Gifts of Love* is located in Old Avon Village and they also accept clothing. (860-676-2323)

Crayons

The National Crayon Recycle Program will take your used crayons. The crayons will be melted down and turned into brand new crayons. Visit their website at www.crazycrayons.com.

Crocs

The manufacturer recycles used shoes, creates new ones, and then donates them to underprivileged families. You can mail them to the following address:

Crocs Recycling West
3375 Enterprise Avenue
Bloomington CA, 92316

Curtains

My Sister's Place located in Hartford accepts gently used curtains to help aid women leaving the shelter set up their homes (860-895-6629). *Gifts of Love* in Avon also needs linens to help families. Visit www.giftsoflovet.org.

Empty Metal Cans

These can be recycled by putting them out at curbside collections. Make sure the cans are cleaned out before putting them out. The label does not need to be removed because it will be burned off when the cans are melted down. However you can recycle the label with your other paper products.

Eyeglasses

Donate frames, broken or not, to people in need. Visit www.neweyesforthe needy.com. You can also donate sunglasses and plastic frames that are in good condition. Your local Lions Club will also accept unwanted eyeglasses and sunglasses. Drop-boxes are located at Goodwill and LensCrafter stores. Contact your local Lions Club to find other local drop-off locations.

Film Canisters

Check to see if your town takes No.4 plastic (the lid of the container) and No.2 plastic (the base of the container). If not many photo labs will accept them.

Food Processors

If an appliance is more than 50% metal then it is recyclable as scrap metal. The Hartford curbside program accepts small appliances or you can visit www.recycle-steel.org to find a nearby drop off location.

Formal Wear

Give your prom/bridesmaid dresses to a girl who can't afford one. Visit www.donatemydress.org to find out how.

Furniture

Recycle your old furniture and help support a great cause. Visit www.recycleforbreastcancer.com you can drop off or have them pick up your furniture. Any profit made from the used goods gets donated to various breast cancer charities. *The Salvation Army* also offers furniture pickups by appointment, ask for dispatch (860-527-8106). *Big Brothers/Big Sisters Hartsprings Foundation* also offers pickups by appointment (888-413-2227).

Furs

The Humane Society of America gives unwanted furs to wildlife shelters to be used as bedding for the animals (www.humanesociety.org).

Gadgets

TV's, business phones, Ipods, mp3 players, inkjets, and copper pipe & fittings are just some of the things that can be recycled through Recycle for Breast Cancer. Visit www.recycleforbreastcancer.org and they will send you a free mailing label to mail back your used gadgets,

Gift Cards

Instead of throwing out gift cards that no longer have any value recycle them. Visit www.earthworkssystem.com to find out how.

Glue

Many schools participate in Elmer's glue containers programs. The containers must be rinsed out then sent to Wal-mart for recycling. Contact your local schools to see if they participate or visit www.elmersgluecrew.com.

Hangers

Although plastic hangers typically are not accepted at recycling centers (because there aren't enough of them to make it worthwhile) a lot of thrift stores will take them. Call to your local thrift store to find out if they can use them. If you have wire hangers these can be recycled with other household metals.

Hearing Aids

The Starkey Hearing Foundation recycles all hearing aids (any make or model), no matter how old the units are. For more information visit www.sotheworldmayhear.org.

Juice Bags

TerraCycle will donate 2 cents for every Honest Kids, Capri Sun and Kool-Aid Drink Pouch and 1 cent for any other brand you collect. The organization will give you a free shipping label to send them in. They then turn these into colorful purses, totes and pencil cases that are sold at Target and Walgreens. Visit www.terracycle.net.

Keys & Nail Clippers

Anything that is not a can is typically considered scrap metal. There is a huge market for scrap metal so bring your old keys and nail clippers to a local drop off. See the Scrap Metal section below for more information.

Mattresses & Box Springs

Mattresses are comprised of different recyclable materials. Not all towns will accept them for recycling but you can visit www.earth911.org to find out if yours does.

Metal Flatware

If your forks, knives, and spoons are ready to be retired you can usually recycle them with other scrap metal.

Milk Cartons with Plastic Spouts & Caps

Throw away the cap on the carton (unless it's marked with a recycling symbol for a plastic your town accepts) but leave the spout; that will be filtered out during the recycling process. Then check your local recycling rules to determine if it goes with plastic or paper recyclables.

Nikes & Other Sneakers

If your shoes are still in decent condition, donate them to a needy athlete by visiting www.oneworldrunning.com. If your shoes are no longer useable visit www.nikereuseashoe.com they accept any shoe brand and turn them into all different types of sports courts so children around the world can play.

Notebooks (Spiral)

Toss your spiral notebook into the paper recyclables. The machinery will pull out any small non paper items, however if the cover is plastic be sure to remove it.

Packing Materials

Styrofoam peanuts are not recyclable in most areas however visit www.loosefillpackaging.com to find a local peanut reuser. To find a place that recycles styrofoam packing blocks visit www.epspackaging.org. For packaging marked "fill air" deflate and send them to:

Ameri-Pak
Sealed Air Recycle Center
477 South Woods Drive
Fountain Inn, SC 29644

Pizza Boxes

Food residue can ruin a whole batch of paper if it starts to decompose in the recycling facility. If any food items are stuck to the box remove those areas and then recycle the rest of the box if your town accepts chipboard or paperboard.

Plastics

If your town does not have a recycling program that accepts No.5 plastic visit www.preserveproducts.com to find a drop off box near you.

Post-Its

The sticky material on the paper usually gets filtered out at the recycling facility so these can be recycled with office paper.

Printer Cartridges

These will take 450 years to decompose in a landfill. Take them to Staples and receive \$3.00 off your next cartridge purchase or mail HP brand cartridges back to HP. Also check with your favorite community group, many collect printer cartridges as a fundraiser.

Quiche Pans & other Cookware

These can be recycled with other scrap metals regardless of the pan having a metal handle or not. See the Scrap Metal section below for more information.

Recreational Equipment

Trade sports gear in at www.playitagainsports.com or donate gently used equipment to kids around the world by visiting www.sportsgift.org. If you have skis you're looking to get rid of visit www.skichair.com, they turn the skis into Adirondack-style beach chairs.

Scrap Metal

There is a large market for scrap metal right now so bringing all your metals to a drop off is a good way to earn money while recycling. Please call the dealer first to see if they have a minimum volume requirement. *Connecticut Metal Exchange* is located in Ellington and accepts all types and sizes of scrap metal (860-875-7503). *Corona's Auto Parts Inc.* is located Hartford, they purchase various types and quantities of scrap and surplus metals (860-296-2528). *G&S Scrap Metal* is located in South Windsor (860-528-7033). Pick-up service is offered for various scrap metals. They also accept aluminum, brass, copper and nickel alloy materials.

Shopping Bags

Paper bags can be recycled with other paper, even the ones with metal grommets or ribbon handles. Plastic bags can be reused and when they no longer hold up visit www.plasticbagrecycling.org to find a local store that will accept them. Plastic bags can be turned into plastic lumber

Small Household Items

The Thrifty Fish in Torrington accepts knickknacks. Instead of throwing out unwanted items donate them here (860-482-7300). *My Sisters Place* in Hartford also uses household items to help women just leaving the shelter set up a new home (860-522-0416). *Catholic Charities, Migration and Refugees Services* located in Hartford helps set up refugees in homes, contact them to arrange for pickups (860-548-0059 ext.12).

Soap Dispensers (Plastic)

Most of these plastic pump dispensers are recyclable so toss them in with your other plastics.

Sponges

Typically sponges are not recyclable however sea sponges can be tossed into a compost heap because they are made from vegetable cellulose.

Used Clothing

Donate used clothing to drop-off boxes or to animal boarders and shelters, here the clothes are turned into bedding.

Videotapes, Cassettes & Floppy Disks

Visit www.greendisk.com to recycle 20 pounds or less for \$6.95 plus shipping. For videotapes you can also visit www.actrecycling.org, the facility employs disabled workers to clean, erase, and resell the used videotapes.

Wine Corks

Whole Foods Markets collect corks which can be turned into flooring, tile, building insulation, shoe soles, fishing rods, bulletin boards and soil products. Drop off boxes are located in each store. Visit www.wholefoodsmarket.com to learn more.

Washcloths & Towels

Safe Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation Center located in Granby accepts well worn washcloths, towels, flannel sheets, blankets, quilts, fleece and pillowcases (860-653-2811).

Wheelchairs & other Medical Equipment

Visit www.JoniAndFriends.org, they accept folding aluminum walkers, aluminum crutches, folding wheelchairs (non-electric) and metal canes. These items are sent to 103 impoverished countries. There is an especially high demand for these items in Haiti where thousands of people required amputations due to injuries acquired in the earthquake in January 2010.

Writing Instruments

For writing utensils that are still useable donate them to www.iloveschools.com.

Xmas Lights

Christmas lights can be recycled at www.holidayleds.com. You can mail the lights to this company and in exchange you will receive a coupon for 10% off of their LED lights.

Yogurt Cups

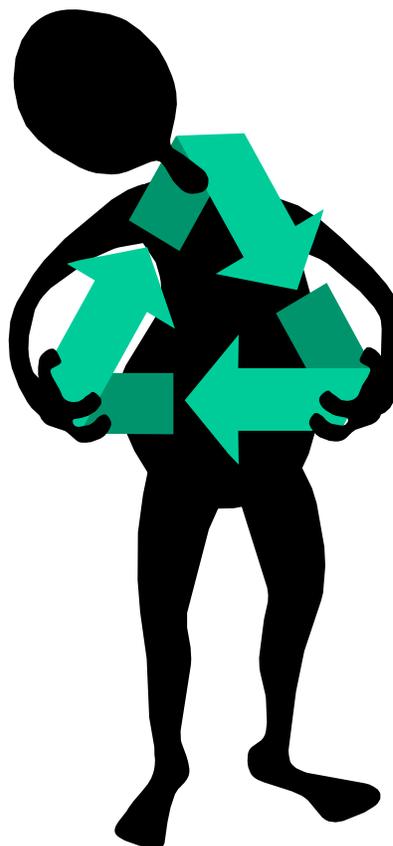
If your town does not recycle #5 plastics you can recycle Stonyfield Farm yogurt cups and other #5 plastics by dropping them off at a Gimme 5 drop box at a local Whole Foods Market or mail them to Preserve Products:

Preserve Gimme 5
823 NYS Rte 13
Cortland, NY 13045

Here they will turn the yogurt cups into toothbrushes, razors, cups and several other things as well. You can also visit www.terracycle.net to recycle Stonyfield containers and raise money for your favorite charity. For every cup collected Stonyfield donates 2 or 5 cents depending on the size of the cup.

Zippered Plastic Bags

Places that accept plastic shopping bags will also accept zippered ones as well. Cut off the zipper part (this is made from different plastic) and be sure the bag is clean and dry.



Non-Toxic Alternatives for Household Chemicals



Take a look around your home. If you're like most people, you buy products that you believe will help you keep your home cleaner, healthier and more attractive. But if you take a closer look, you'll find out that many of these products are actually powerful chemicals that pose health risks to you and to the environment.

Common household products like pesticides, cleaners, aerosols, polishers, batteries and paints can contain chemicals that can cause short and long-term health problems, or are suspected carcinogens. Their effects on the environment can last long after we're finished with them. Here are some tips on how to start getting the toxins out of your home.

1. Use this list to create your own non-toxic alternatives to your regular household cleaners. Pick one or two to start with and gradually decrease the amount of chemicals you buy. You'll save a lot of money too!
2. Look for safer non-toxic alternatives at your grocery or health food store. Examples include citronella insect repellents and flea collars, non-chlorine bleach, cedar blocks, enzyme-based drain de-cloggers and non-toxic laundry detergents, household cleaners and stain removers.
3. If you must buy household chemicals, use them carefully. Always read and follow the instructions carefully, use the product up if possible, or dispose of the rest at an MDC sponsored Household HazWaste collection day.

AROUND THE HOUSE

All Purpose Cleaner – Pour 3 Tablespoons vinegar, 1 teaspoon borax and 2 cups hot water into a spray bottle. Shake until dissolved. Then add 1 teaspoon liquid soap (or dishwashing liquid) to the bottle and shake it again. Spray on surface and then wipe clean. For tough dirt, leave cleaner on for a few minutes and then wipe off.



Drains – Pour ½ cup of baking soda followed by a cup of vinegar down the drain. Let it sit for about 20 minutes and then rinse it down with boiling water. To clear a badly clogged drain, use a plunger or a metal snake.

Furniture – Mix 2 tsp olive oil, 1/4 cup white vinegar, and 20 drops of lemon essential oil in a 16 oz. spray bottle. Fill the rest of the bottle with water and shake well. Spray onto furniture and wipe dry immediately with a soft cloth. To remove fingerprints, quickly rub a slice of potato over the surface. To remove scratches, rub nutmeat over the scratched area. Choose either pecans or walnuts to match the wood.



Metal Cleaner (for brass, cooper or pewter) - Make a paste of salt, vinegar, and flour. Start with ¼ cup of salt and add enough vinegar to dissolve it. Then add enough flour to make it a fairly dry paste.



Oven – Sprinkle the bottom of the oven with baking soda and spray with water periodically to keep it damp. Let it set overnight. Scoop out baking soda and rinse well. To prevent grease build-up, always clean spills as soon as the oven cools down.

Pans – For burnt pans, remove as much of the substance as possible and then fill the pan with cold water. Add a generous amount of salt and a slice of onion. Set overnight, or for 12 hours. Then bring to a boil for five minutes, cool, and clean.

Toilet Bowl Cleaner – Squirt vinegar from squeeze bottle under the rim. Pour about ½ cup borax into the toilet and use a toilet brush to clean the bowl. For mineral deposits, leave mixture in toilet for at least an hour. Then use the brush again to clean. Use the all-purpose cleaner and a sponge or scrub cloth to clean the seat and outside of the bowl.



Tub and Tile – Sprinkle on baking soda, scour with a wet sponge and rinse. For mineral deposits, soak a washcloth in vinegar and leave it on the deposit overnight. For soap scum deposits, spread liquid castile soap or clarifying shampoo on the surface and leave it for an hour or so. The deposits will be softened and then can be easily scrubbed away with a brush. For mold or mildew, make a paste of borax and water and put it on the surface to be cleaned. Leave paste on the area for about an hour and then scrub it off.



Windows – Pour ¼ cup vinegar in approximately ½ gallon of warm water in a bucket. Mix in ¼ tsp. liquid soap and a pinch of cornstarch. Wipe down windows with this mixture and dry with a lint-free cloth. Use spray bottle with club soda (not seltzer) for touch-ups.

HOME INSECT CONTROL

Cockroaches and Ants - Mix chopped bay leaves and cucumber skins together and put in dry areas where ants or cockroaches are found.

Fleas - Nutritional yeast added to the diet of a dog or cat has been found to be helpful in preventing fleas. Vacuum floors and furniture thoroughly, since fleas spend much of their time off the animal. Remember, chemicals you place on your pet may end up on your hand! Look for herbal flea collars.

Flies - Mint plants set in windowsills help to repel flies.

Mealy Bugs or Scales on House Plants - Apply alcohol or oil directly to the colonies with a small paintbrush.

Moths - Make pomades by sticking cloves into the surface of an apple or an orange until it is completely covered. Cover apple or orange with a white tissue and let it dry for two weeks in a dry, airy place then unwrap it and hang it in your closet. Cedar wood chips and chests also repel moths.

Other House Plant Pests - Wash leaves with soapy water (1 lb. non-detergent soap to five gallons of water), then rinse.

When preparing a recipe for a non-hazardous alternative, please remember the following:

1. DO NOT mix anything with a commercial cleaning agent.
2. If you do store a homemade mixture, make sure it is properly labeled and do not store it in a container that could be mistaken for food or beverage.
3. When preparing alternatives, mix only what is needed for the job at hand and mix them in clean, reusable containers. This avoids waste and the need to store any cleaning mixture.

Examples of Companies Selling Non-Toxic Alternatives

The Clean Environment Company – www.cleanenvironmentco.com

Earth Friendly Products – www.ecos.com

Ecover Products – www.ecover.com/us/en

GAIAM – www.gaiam.com

Lifetree Products – www.lifetreeproducts.com

Seventh Generation Products – Garden of Light (Avon and Glastonbury) and Whole Foods Market (West Hartford)

Sun & Earth Products – Big Y, Price Chopper, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, and Whole Foods Market (West Hartford)

Additional Information

For more information about non-hazardous alternatives please use the following references.

Websites

CT DEP's Household Alternatives Page – <http://www.ct.gov/dep> and search for Household Alternatives

Eco-wise (Hemp & Organic Cotton Products) - www.ecowise.com

Suite101.com's Natural Products section has several articles about making green cleaners – <http://natural-products.suite101.com/>

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2011 MDC Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

(Collections are held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.*)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 30, 2011	Farmington	Farmington High School, 10 Monteith Drive
May 7, 2011	Newington	Town Garage, Fenn Road
May 21, 2011	Enfield	Stanley E. Jablonski Complex, 40 Moody Road
June 4, 2011	Windsor	Poquonock WPCF, 1222 Poquonock Avenue.
June 18, 2011	Hartford	ML King School, Corner of Westbourne Pkwy and Blue Hills Ave
June 25, 2011	Wethersfield	High School, 411 Wolcott Hill Road
Aug. 13, 2011	Simsbury ^{'''}	Henry James Memorial School, 155 Firetown Road
Aug. 20, 2011	Bloomfield	Public Works Building, 21 Southwood Road
Aug. 27, 2011	Ansonia ^{'''}	Public Works Complex, North Division Street
Sept. 10, 2011	Rocky Hill	Rocky Hill WPCF, 80 Goff Brook Lane
Sept. 17, 2011	Ellington	Town Garage, 21 Main Street
Sept. 24, 2011	West Hartford	Public Works Garage, Oakwood Ave Ext off New Park Ave
Oct. 1, 2011 [^]	South Windsor/E. Windsor	South Windsor High School, 161 Nevers Road
Oct. 8, 2011	Middletown ^{'''}	Moody School, 300 Country Club Road
Oct. 15, 2011	East Hartford	East Hartford WPCF, 65 Pitkin Street
Oct. 22, 2011	Hartford	Hartford WPCF, 240 Brainard Road
Oct. ??, 2011 (Sunday)	?	Date and location to be determined.
Oct 29, 2011	Windsor Locks/E. Granby	Public Works Garage, 6 Stanton Road, Windsor Locks

(WPCF = Water Pollution Control Facility)

*One collection is held on a Sunday.

[^]Pending budget approval.

^{'''} Collection hosted by multiple towns.

Ansonia collection hosted by Ansonia, Derby and Seymour.

Simsbury collection hosted by Simsbury, Avon, Canton and Granby.

Middletown collection hosted by Middletown, Cromwell, Durham, East Hampton, Middlefield and Portland.

RESIDENTS OF ANY PARTICIPATING TOWN (LISTED BELOW) CAN PARTICIPATE IN ANY MDC SPONSORED COLLECTION DAY

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| • Ansonia | • Granby |
| • Avon | • Hartford |
| • Bloomfield | • Middlefield |
| • Canton | • Middletown |
| • Cromwell | • Newington |
| • Derby | • Portland |
| • Durham | • Rocky Hill |
| • East Granby | • Seymour |
| • East Hampton | • Simsbury |
| • East Windsor ^{**} | • South Windsor ^{**} |
| • East Hartford | • West Hartford |
| • Ellington | • Wethersfield |
| • Enfield | • Windsor |
| • Farmington | • Windsor Locks |

^{**}East Windsor and South Windsor residents may participate in collections through June 2011. Participation in the fall collections (Aug. – Oct.) is pending budget approval, please check www.themdc.com in July for updates.