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Household Hazardous Waste Events: Franklin First!

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is pleased to announce a couple of important changes to the schedule of dates for the annual Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections. This year seven collections will be held on five separate dates beginning in June and running into September. The collections are open to residents and residential taxpayers in 21 participating Lakes Region communities. Visit the collection site/date that is most convenient to you!

The first collection of 2024 season will be held in Franklin at the DPW facility (43 Bow Street) in just a couple of weeks on Saturday June 22 from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Residents and residential property owners in participating communities may bring up to 10 gallons of household hazardous products in for safe disposal. The 21 communities taking part in this year's collections are Alexandria, Andover, Bridgewater, Bristol, Center Harbor, Effingham, Franklin, Gilford, Gilmanton, Hebron, Hill, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tilton, and Tuftonboro.

There are toxic materials which exist right inside many Lakes Region homes. These toxic materials are known as "hazardous wastes", substances that can contaminate the environment and threaten the health of those in the local community. They may be flammable, corrosive, or reactive, and should be disposed of properly so as not to harm people or damage our groundwater and surface water.

Cleaning products, vehicle and home maintenance items, oil-based paints, and garden chemicals will be accepted. If a product label says "danger", "warning", "toxic", or "caution", the product contains ingredients that are flammable, poisonous, will burn the skin and eyes, or react violently with other chemicals. Even the chemicals you use daily around your home can easily reach the local water system or groundwater as the chemicals are used and washed down the drain. Disposal in a landfill poses similar risks, and the result is the eventual contamination of our groundwater, which our environment and economy are dependent upon.

Other Lakes Region HHW events will be held on July 27 in Meredith and Gilford, August 3 in Moultonborough and Bristol, and September 28 in Laconia to close out the season. New this year, we will also offer a weekday collection in Tuftonboro on Thursday September 26. Information on collection sites, accepted materials, and other disposal options can be found at the Lakes Region HHW website <https://www.lakesrpc.nh.gov/Pages/Index/228929/household-hazardous-waste>, use the QR code, or by calling LRPC at 279-8171.

Note: We are no longer collecting fluorescent lamps (tubes and CFLs), batteries, or mercury-containing devices such as thermometers and thermostats.

