



## LAKES REGION HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For the past 36 years, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) has coordinated regional household hazardous waste (HHW) collections at various locations in the region. This annual event provides a safe disposal option for residents in our participating communities.

#### 1) What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

Many common products used in the home, garden, lawn, and garage are considered hazardous. If a product is **flammable**, **reactive**, or **explosive** when mixed with other substances, or is **corrosive** or **toxic**, then it is considered hazardous. **READ THE LABEL!** Products containing hazardous material should say "**poison**", "**toxic**", or "**danger**".

#### 2) Who can participate in these collections? (Residents and taxpayers of the following communities are eligible and encouraged to bring hazardous products to the collection sites.)

Alexandria, Andover, Bridgewater, Bristol, Center Harbor, Effingham, Franklin, Gilford,  
Gilmanton, Hebron, Hill, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, New Hampton,  
Sanbornton, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tilton, and Tuftonboro

#### 3) When and where are the annual HHW Collections?

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM except weekday collection which is 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Date	Location	Street Address
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Franklin @ Public Works Garage	43 W. Bow Street
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gilford @ Public Works Garage	55 Cherry Valley Road
	Meredith @ Public Works Garage	17 Jenness Hill Road
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bristol @ Newfound Regional High School	Access site from River Road
	Moultonborough @ Public Works Garage	68 Highway Garage Road
September 26 <sup>th</sup> *	Tuftonboro @ Transfer Station	20 Sargent's Crossing (off NH 171)
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Laconia @ Public Works	27 Bisson Avenue

\*We are pleased to offer this WEEKDAY collection.

#### 4) How much HHW can I bring to a collection site?

There is a limit of **10 gallons** or **50 pounds** per household.



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5) **What items/waste will you take?** Below is a list of items you can and cannot bring to collections:



#### Accepted Items

Antifreeze	Photo Chemicals
Arts and Craft Supplies	Pool Chemicals
Brake Fluid	Radiator Cleaners
Degreasers	Rodent Killers
Drain & Oven Cleaners	Rust Preventatives
Gasoline	Sealants
Insect Sprays	Solvents
Metal Polish	Transmission Fluid
Oil-Based Paint	Used Motor Oil
Paint Thinner	Wood Strippers
Pesticides/Herbicides	



#### Unaccepted Items

Alkaline Batteries	Medicine
Ammunition	Mercury Containing Devices
Asbestos	Propane Tanks
Ballasts	Radioactive Materials
Compact Fluorescent Lights	Rechargeable Batteries
Electronics/Appliances	Smoke Detectors
Fire Extinguishers	Thermostats/Thermometers
Fluorescent Tubes	Tires
LATEX PAINT	

Check LRPC HHW website for alternative disposal sites for some accepted and not accepted materials. Check with local transfer station or fire department about fire extinguishers.

6) **What is expected of me when I show up on collection day with my HHW?**

Site volunteers will be available if you have questions and may ask you to participate in a short, anonymous survey while you wait. Specialized HHW staff will then unload and sort your hazardous waste so you can **stay inside your vehicle for your own safety!**

7) **On collection day, attendees MUST:**

- Place your hazardous waste in a **cardboard box** and put it in your car trunk or truck bed. Please **open your trunk** when on site so staff can remove materials for safe disposal.
- STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE!**
- Notify site staff if you want your containers back (i.e. - fuel cans, plastic storage tubs).

8) **I own a business in the Lakes Region and have hazardous materials to get rid of, can I bring them to the collections?**

**NO.** These collections are strictly for residential waste. Small businesses may not bring commercial waste to these collections. Please contact the [Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility \(LRHHPF\)](#) in Wolfeboro, they can help you with disposal and all necessary paperwork.

9) **Can I collect and bring in HHW from multiple households in my neighborhood?**

**NO.** The collection limit from each individual household is **10 gallons** or **50 pounds**. Our household limit helps to maintain affordable disposal costs for our participating communities.



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#### 10) How do I properly dispose of latex paint?

**LATEX PAINT MUST BE DRIED** before discarding in the trash. You can refer to the *Latex Paint Disposal* handout(s) posted on our website: [lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp](https://lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp)

Depending on the amount of paint you have, the following materials can help solidify your latex paint: [Plastic bag-lined container](#), [kitty litter](#), [sawdust](#), [shredded newspaper](#), [commercial paint hardener](#)

#### 11) Where do I dispose of old or unused medicine?

We do not collect unused medications at our HHW collections. Below are several disposal options:

- a. Local Drop Boxes (FREE, anonymous disposal at local police departments)  
<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/nh-drug-box-locations.pdf>
- b. LRHHPF Collections  
[wolfeboronh.us/lakes-region-household-hazardous-product-facility](https://wolfeboronh.us/lakes-region-household-hazardous-product-facility)
- c. National Drug Take Back Day (usually Spring & Fall) [takebackday.dea.gov/](https://takebackday.dea.gov/)

#### 12) Where do I dispose of my old electronics (E-Waste)?

Most Lakes Region communities accept electronics and appliances at their transfer station for a small fee. These fees cover a small fraction of the costs to dispose of your e-waste. Some electronic stores, like BestBuy and Staples, will also take back electronics. Use our [interactive map](#) in the Helpful Links section on our HHW webpage to find electronic/appliance repair shops and transfer station disposal fees.