



The Metropolitan District's

2017

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

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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 DEEP permit.

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

- **IDS WILL BE CHECKED TO VERIFY RESIDENCY.**
- 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. (If possible, leave children and animals at home.)
- Remove other items from your car or trunk that could be mistaken as Household HazWaste.
- 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).
- **NO SMOKING IN YOUR CAR!** Most wastes are flammable.

Thank you,

MDC HHW Program Coordinator

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2017 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>
May 6, 2017 ⁺	Newington	Town Garage, 281 Milk Lane (off Fenn Road)
May 13, 2017	Hartford	MDC Operations Facility, 125 Maxim Road
June 3, 2017	Windsor	Poquonock WPCF, 1222 Poquonock Avenue
June 17, 2017	Wethersfield	Wethersfield High School, 411 Wolcott Hill Road
June 25, 2017*	West Hartford	Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive
July 1, 2017	Rocky Hill	Stevens School, 322 Orchard Street
Sept. 9, 2017 ⁺	Bloomfield	Public Works Building, 21 Southwood Drive
Sept. 16, 2017	West Hartford	Public Works Garage, 17 Brixton Street
Oct. 7, 2017	East Hartford	East Hartford WPCF, 65 Pitkin Street
Oct. 14, 2017 ⁺	Windsor Locks/E. Granby	Public Works Garage, 6 Stanton Road, Windsor Locks

(WPCF = Water Pollution Control Facility)

* One collection is held on **Sunday**, June 25, 2017

⁺ Used oil is accepted at this collection

Residents of the following towns may attend *any* MDC sponsored HHW collection event:

- Bloomfield
- East Granby
- East Hartford
- Hartford
- Newington
- Rocky Hill
- West Hartford
- Wethersfield
- Windsor
- Windsor Locks

Items Accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Collections: ✓

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

Additional Items Accepted: ✓

- 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. Call **(860) 278-3809** or email HHW@themdc.com to notify the HazWaste Coordinator that you are bringing asbestos containing material to a collection or to request an asbestos information pamphlet (See Page 10). **The Coordinator retains 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** or email HHW@themdc.com to notify the HazWaste Coordinator that you are bringing an old chemistry set to a collection.
- *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.
- Used Oil – (Auto & Frying)** **Only accepted at the Bloomfield, Newington, and Windsor Locks Collections.** Oil must be brought in a rigid plastic container (no larger than 5-gallons) with a screw top lid.
- 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.**
- PCB Ballasts – & Capacitors** – Ballasts must be removed from the light fixture. Capacitors must be removed from the appliance.
- **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.

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.

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 CESQG small business information package. Business waste can only be accepted if all program requirements have been met. No exceptions.

Car Batteries – See Page 15 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 page 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 (Flares, Fusee) – Your local Police Department may accept them, but you must call and verify before bringing.

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 on DEEP's "Flare Days" or by appointment only. Call the DEEP 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.

Medicine/Drugs – See Page 12 & 13 for disposal information.

Needles/Syringes- See Page 14 for disposal information.

Oil (Auto & Cooking) is only accepted at Bloomfield, Newington and Windsor Locks collections. See Page 15 for additional information.

Refrigerators - Call your local Public Works Department for disposal instructions.

Smoke Detectors - Send smoke detectors back to the manufacturer. See Page 17 for more information.

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

BATTERIES

The MDC 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; rechargeable and non-alkaline batteries typically specify what type they are.

Bringing your batteries to a Household HazWaste Collection? Please separate them into three groups:

- 1.) **Household Batteries (Alkaline)** 2.) **Lithium and Button Cells** 3.) **Rechargeable Batteries**

1.) 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.

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



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.

3.) 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). (Rechargeable batteries can also be found in cordless power tools, cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, remote controlled toys, and portable household appliances.)

EXAMPLES OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES			
Lithium-ion		Nickel Metal Hydride	
Nickel-Cadmium		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 like **Home Depot, Lowe's, RadioShack, Staples, and Whole Foods Market**. Please contact the drop-off location prior to visiting to confirm.

* Visit www.call2recycle.org or call 1-800-822-8837 to find a drop-off location.

****(AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES** - see page 15)

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. Energy and 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.

DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR FLUORESCENTS, CFLS, & OTHER BULBS CONTAINING MERCURY:

- 1.) **Your Town's Transfer Station/ Landfill** - See page 15 to determine if your town accepts fluorescent bulbs and CFLs.
- 2.) **MDC HazWaste Collections**
- 3.) **Home Depot and Lowes** - accepts unbroken CFLs

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 children or pregnant women 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 it cannot be immediately disposed of it should be stored outside in a sealed glass container in a protected area.
- 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).
- **Wash your hands**



For more information on CFLs, visit EPA's website at <http://www2.epa.gov/cfl>.

Other bulbs containing mercury:

- tanning
- black lights
- germicidal
- cold cathode
- neons
- high intensity discharge lampmetal halide, mercury vapor
- high pressure sodium, mercury and mercury xenon short-arc

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
- Motion-detecting security devices
- Paints manufactured before 1990 (especially marine and deck paints)



How to clean-up a spill and dispose of mercury

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



LAWN CARE TIPS

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, fertilizers, and herbicides – 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:** 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



PAINT RECYCLING

1.) MDC HHW Collections:

Residents of MDC participating towns may bring their latex and oil-based paints to MDC Household Hazardous Waste Collections. Only containers of 5-gallons or less will be accepted.



Latex paint manufactured before 1990 may contain lead or mercury and should be disposed of at HHW Collections – please call for prior approval and instructions for bringing lead or mercury paint to a collection.

2.) Year-round paint recycling is available with PaintCare®:

What is PaintCare®

PaintCare is a non-profit organization established in July 2013 designed as a financially and environmentally sustainable solution to *manage proper paint disposal for consumers at established drop-off sites*. PaintCare® then ensures your paint gets recycled at state-authorized paint processing facilities.



What products are covered?

PaintCare sites accept latex paints (and other water-based program products) and oil-based paints and other products, including:

ACCEPTABLE:

The following items are accepted at PaintCare retailer drop-off sites and MDC Household Hazardous Waste Collections:

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints

**FIND A SITE NEAR
YOU:**

www.paintcare.org

(855) 724-6809

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 has 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 or www.yellowpages.com/state-ct (under "Asbestos Removal Service") has an extensive list of area businesses and contractors who are licensed and insured to safely remove asbestos.

Contact the agencies listed below for additional information:

CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection

Asbestos Management: (860) 424-3366

Connecticut Department of Health

Asbestos Program: (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.

Electronics Recycling

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) have gone into effect. See the chart on page 15 for your town's electronics recycling location. Please check the CT DEEP's website (<http://www.ct.gov/deep/site/default.asp> 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.

West Hartford Offers Residents E-Waste Collection at the Town's Yard Waste and Recycling Center located at 25 Brixton Street for West Hartford Residents Only! Call 860-561-8100 to confirm acceptable items.

Electronics Recyclers

Green Monster e-Cycling – Free drop-off during business hours, a fee is charged for most TVs, 150 Brook St., West Hartford – 860-231-1426 - www.greenmonsterecycling.com

Manufacturer Take Back Programs

♻️ 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.

Retailers

Staples - Accepts any brand of computers, monitors, laptops, printers, faxes, and all-in-ones for recycling at any of its stores. www.staples.com or 1-800-3STAPLE for store locations.

RadioShack – Trade in your electronic gadgets (laptops, MP3 players, GPS units, car audio, camcorders, etc.) for a RadioShack gift card. www.radioshack.cexchange.com

Best Buy – Accepts many types of electronics but will only accept three items per day. Contact your local store for more information or 1-888-BEST BUY or www.bestbuy.com keyword "recycling" in the search window.

MEDICATIONS/ 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:

- **Medication Drop Boxes**

Some municipalities now have or will soon have medication drop boxes, are secured in the lobby of the police department- accessible anytime the department is open. No questions asked, just drop the unwanted medications in and they will be safely and securely destroyed. Please call your local police department for details.

Bloomfield PD 785 Park Ave. Bloomfield, CT	East Hartford PD 31 School Street East Hartford, CT	Hartford PD 253 High Street Hartford, CT	Newington PD 131 Cedar Street Newington, CT	Windsor Locks PD 4 Volunteer Drive Windsor Locks, CT
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What CAN and CANNOT be discarded in local medication drop-boxes:

YES

- Over the counter medications
- Prescriptions medications
- Medications for household pets
- Medicated lotions and ointments

NO

- Needles or Sharps
- Hazardous Waste
- Thermometers
- Personal care products



- The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has initiated National Drug Take-Back Days with local police departments. Check the following website http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html to find a collection site near you.
- 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.

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 DEEP – <http://ct.gov/deep> and search for “safe disposal of medicines”.

NEEDLES / SYRINGES / LANCETS CANNOT BE BROUGHT TO HHW COLLECTIONS

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:

1. Drop-off Collection Sites
2. Syringe Exchange Programs
3. Mail-back Programs
4. 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

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.

Daniels Int.	888-952-5580	www.danielsinternational.com
Sharps Inc.	800-772-5657	www.sharpsinc.com
Stericycle	866-783-7422	www.stericycle.com/mail-back-disposal-products

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”.

This Page describes what the Towns accept AT THEIR disposal locations.
For a list of acceptable items at the MDC HHW collections, please refer to page 3 of this booklet.
PROPANE TANKS, CAR BATTERIES, USED OIL, ELECTRONICS & ANTIFREEZE

locate your towns' drop-off locations below:

(Please call town first to confirm accepted items, rules, & fees)

RESIDENTS OF:	TOWN'S DISPOSAL LOCATION (Transfer Stations/ Landfill:)	ITEMS ACCEPTED					Other Items and Notes:
		Used Oil *	Car Batteries *	Antifreeze	20-lb Propane Tanks +	Elec.	
Bloomfield	See "Windsor"	✓	✓		✓	✓	Also accepts: scrap metal & household goods
East Granby	Recycling Center , Turkey Hill Rd. 860-653-6822	✓				✓	Accepts used oil. Also accepts: items containing Freon
East Hartford	Landfill , 61 Ecology Drive. 860- 291-7337	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Accepts motor oil. Bulky waste permit required
Hartford	Bulky Waste & Recycling Center , 180 Leibert Rd. 860-757-9311	✓	✓	✓		✓	For city services and information call 311. Permit required
Newington	Landfill , 2045 Main Street Highway Garage , Milk Lane 860-667-5874	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Landfill: oil, car batteries, rechargeable batteries, propane tanks, & electronics Highway Garage: oil & antifreeze
Rocky Hill	Transfer Station , 59 Old Forge Road; 860-258-7709	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Accepts used oil, fluorescent bulbs, alkaline & rechargeable batteries, propane tanks (leave valve attached and in the off position) and paint
West Hartford	Recycling Center , 17 Brixton Rd. 860-561-8100	✓	✓	✓		✓	Electronics Recycling for West Hartford residents only! Call 860-561-8100 for additional information.
Wethersfield	Transfer Station , 100 Marsh St. 860-721-2846	✓	✓	✓		✓	Also accepts: used cooking oil, fluorescent bulbs, and fire extinguishers (empty).
Windsor	Windsor/ Bloomfield Transfer Station , 500 Huckleberry Rd. 860-285-1833	✓	✓		✓	✓	Accepts used oil, also accepts: scrap metal & household goods.
Windsor Locks	Dept. Public Works , 6 Stanton Rd. 860-627-1405	✓	✓	✓		✓	Accepts used motor oil only.

* Used oil & car battery recycling also available at Advance Auto Parts. Motor oil and car batteries are collected from town residents at the **Bloomfield, Newington (motor oil only) and Windsor Locks Household Hazardous Waste Collections**. Motor oil and car batteries are generally NOT accepted by the MDC at the HHW Collections because the program is geared towards items that towns cannot 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.

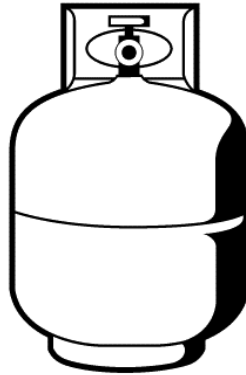
COMMERCIAL PROPANE TANK DISPOSAL LOCATIONS

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.

Please call before bringing propane tanks to these businesses. Fees, addresses, and tank sizes accepted are subject to change.

Glastonbury

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



West Hartford

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

Unionville

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

Wethersfield

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

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. Energy and 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) 1016 Corporate Park Drive Mebane, North Carolina 27302	Accepts Lifesaver and KIDDE Fyrnetics. Include a note telling the company that the item is for DISPOSAL. 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

2017 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>
May 6, 2017 ⁺	Newington	Town Garage, 281 Milk Lane (off Fenn Road)
May 13, 2017	Hartford	MDC Operations Facility, 125 Maxim Road
June 3, 2017	Windsor	Poquonock WPCF, 1222 Poquonock Avenue
June 17, 2017	Wethersfield	Wethersfield High School, 411 Wolcott Hill Road
June 25, 2017*	West Hartford	Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive
July 1, 2017	Rocky Hill	Stevens School, 322 Orchard Street
Sept. 9, 2017 ⁺	Bloomfield	Public Works Building, 21 Southwood Drive
Sept. 16, 2017	West Hartford	Public Works Garage, 17 Brixton Street
Oct. 7, 2017	East Hartford	East Hartford WPCF, 65 Pitkin Street
Oct. 14, 2017 ⁺	Windsor Locks/E. Granby	Public Works Garage, 6 Stanton Road, Windsor Locks

(WPCF = Water Pollution Control Facility)

* One collection is held on **Sunday**, June 25, 2017

⁺ Used oil is accepted at this collection

Residents of the following towns may attend *any* MDC sponsored HHW collection event:

- Bloomfield
- East Granby
- East Hartford
- Hartford
- Newington
- Rocky Hill
- West Hartford
- Wethersfield
- Windsor
- Windsor Locks