

Brass City Green

News on what is making Waterbury cleaner and greener
Spring 2023 Waterbury Refuse Bureau – 203-574-6857
<https://www.waterburyct.org/services/public-works/solid-waste>



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events Scheduled for 2023



What is HHW?

Keep our waterways and trash bins free from dangerous stuff by dropping it off to one of the three Household Hazardous Waste collection events! The first of 2023 is on Saturday April 22nd, 8 am – 2 pm, at Shepardson Community Center, 1172 Whittemore Road, Middlebury. The 2nd event will be July 22nd and the 3rd event September 23rd, locations TBD.

“Household Hazardous Waste” refers to items from your garden, workshop, toolshed, garage and even kitchen that are poisonous or otherwise dangerous e.g. bug spray, brake fluid, drain cleaner etc.

More information is available at <https://nvcogct.gov/hhw>. A list of accepted and unaccepted items appears later in this newsletter.

2023 Waterbury Earth Day Clean-up Saturday April 22nd 9:00 am – 12:00 noon



Meet at the former Sears parking lot at Brass Mills at 8:30 am to get gloves & bags, then head out to pick up litter with your own team or one you join, 9 - 12. Return to Sears for a “Thank You Lunch” from PAL, the Police Activity League!

This annual event is organized by the Litter Control and Beautification Commission. bcorintas@sbcglobal.net

Witness the Wonder of Award-Winning Waterbury Wizardry

Bring enviromagic to your club, school or event with a free environmental magic show! Waterbury’s Refuse/Recycling Coordinator, CJ May, offers free environmental magic shows about recycling, water and other important issues. Reach CJ at cmay@waterburyct.org or 203-574-6851 x 7637. Follow Waterbury Recycling at www.facebook.com/waterburyrecycling.



DROP-OFF DAY for Old Medicines Saturday April 22nd 10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Dealing with the leftover medications of a loved one who has passed away can be difficult. Keeping them can be a painful reminder of our loss, and they can also pose a risk to our health and safety.

Saturday, April 22
10:00 am-2:00pm

185 South Main Street, Waterbury
Waterbury Health Department parking lot



Bring your old and unwanted medicines to 185 South Main Street on Earth Day (Saturday April 22nd) to make sure they are discarded safely! Collections will be in the parking lot.

Questions? Call 203-573-6679

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Home Materials

Kitchen

- Drain cleaners
- Oven cleaners
- Floor cleaners
- Waxes, polishes, and cleaners

Bathroom

- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Fingernail polish removers
- Disinfectants
- Hair color
- Aerosol deodorant

Laundry

- Spot removers
- Spray starch
- Chlorine bleach

General Household

- Lead based paint
- Lighter fluid
- Rug & upholstery cleaners
- Aerosol cans
- Adhesives
- Carbon tetrachloride
- Chlordane
- Acids and bases
- Oxidizers
- Chemicals
- Chemistry sets
- Photo chemicals
- Mothballs
- Septic tank degreasers
- Wood & metal cleaners
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Alkaline batteries
- Mercury thermometers
- Fire extinguishers

Automotive Materials

- Motor oil, transmission fluid, fuel, and oil additives
- Grease and rust solvents
- Carburetor and fuel injection cleaners

- Gasoline and diesel fuel
- Brake fluid
- Starter, lubricating, and radiator fluids
- Antifreeze

Yard and Garden Materials

- Fertilizers
- Pool chemicals
- Sevin
- Herbicides, insecticides, and pesticides
- Poisons
- Fungicides/wood treating chemicals
- Flea/tick powder or spray

PAINTCARE PRODUCTS

Interior and Exterior Architectural Paints

- Latex
- Acrylic
- Water-based
- Alkyd
- Oil-based
- Enamel (including textured coatings)

Other Paint Products

- Primers, sealers, and undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, and urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete, masonry, wood sealers and repellents (no tar or bitumen based)
- Rust preservatives
- Metal coatings
- Field and lawn paints

Containers larger than 5 gallons will not be accepted

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Car and lead acid batteries
- Tires
- Empty aerosols or other empty containers of any kind
- Smoke detectors
- Shock sensitive materials
- Radioactive materials
- Compressed gas cylinders (fire extinguishers are now accepted, however)
- Asbestos
- Lead dust
- Joint compound
- Sand blasting grit
- Explosives (ammunition, fireworks, explosives flares, picric acid, etc)
- PCBs, DDT
- Dioxin/dioxin forming materials (pentachlorophenol), pesticides containing 245 T, Silvex



To learn more about the three household hazardous waste collection events held each year by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments visit www.nvcogct.gov or call 203-757-0535

GREEN TALK: tell us what you think of our newsletter, what you would like covered in upcoming issues, and how we can continue greening the Brass City! cmay@waterburyct.org, 203-574-6851 x 7637.