

Brass City Green

News on what is making Waterbury cleaner and greener
Summer 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 free Household Hazardous Waste collection events! The next is on Saturday July 22nd, 8 am – 2 pm, at Quaker Farms School, 30 Great Oak Road, Oxford. The final event for 2023 will be on September 23rd, location 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/>. A list of accepted and unaccepted items appears later in this newsletter.

Waterbury Harry Potter Day returns on July 28-29th for its fifth year of magic!



On Friday & Saturday, July 28-29th Waterbury transforms into the wizardly world of Harry Potter with special drinks, foods and free magic shows including Bubble Magic by Meadow Perry (www.meadowperry.com)! Info:- www.facebook.com/waterburyharrypotterday

OOPS!



To help residents recycle the right items Waterbury’s Public Works employees place “OOPS Tags” on carts which have been used for the wrong stuff and “Green Star” tags on carts with only the right stuff. The cart in this picture has both just for demonstration. Common problem items are:

- ❌ Plastic bags
- ❌ Styrofoam
- ❌ Bubble wrap
- ❌ Items with food
- ❌ Plastic straws, lids, utensils

Save Tax Dollars and Help Your Garden by Composting!

Whether your garden is the size of Texas or only 3 potted plants you can help it grow by putting leaves, grass and certain food waste into a compost pile or bin. Composting not only helps your garden by creating fertile soil, but it also keeps heavy “organic” material out of our trash bins, saving tax dollars. Learn more about composting at



<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP>

<https://rodaleinstitute.org/education/resources/backyard-composting-basics/>

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

Automotive Materials

- 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
- Waste motor oil
- Empty aerosols or other empty containers of any kind
- Smoke detectors
- Shock sensitive materials
- Radioactive materials
- Compressed gas cylinders
- 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.