

Brass City Green

News on what is making Waterbury Cleaner and Greener
Autumn 2021

Waterbury Refuse Bureau – 203-574-6857 www.waterburyct.org/refuse



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event Saturday September 25th 8 am – 2 pm Pent Road Recreation Facility, Beacon Falls



What is HHW?

Keep our waterways, trash bins and neighborhoods free from dangerous stuff by dropping it off to the final Household Hazardous Waste collection event in 2021! The upcoming HHW drop-off is Saturday September 25th, 8 am – 2 pm, at the Pent Road Recreation Facility, 100 Pent Road, Beacon Falls.

“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/>. List of accepted and unaccepted items appears later in this newsletter.

Electronics Recycling Drop-off Saturday September 25th 9 am - 1 pm at the former Macy's parking lot at Brass Mills, 495 Union Street.



Bring down your old TVs, batteries and other unwanted electronics so they can be recycled by Waterbury's own [Take 2 Recycling!](#) Sponsored by the Waterbury Litter Control & Beautification Commission. Take 2 Info at www.take2recycle.com and from bcorintas@sbcglobal.net.

The Dirt About Composting



Putting your Autumn leaves, grass and other light yard waste in brown “leaf bags” and setting at curb saves Waterbury money and sends these items to be turned into garden soil via composting at [Supreme Industries](#). Pick-up dates are on Wednesdays: 9/22, 10/6, 10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 12/29. The full Refuse collection calendar is at www.waterburyct.org/refuse.

No Plastic Bags, Please!

GOOD NEWS: Waterbury residents are recycling twice as much good stuff now than before the green carts arrived. This is saving the City money and helping the environment. THANK YOU!

BAD NEWS: many people are still putting plastic bags into their recycling carts, either loose or bagging recyclables. Plastic bags are a BIG problem because they jam recycling equipment and prevent cans, bottles, paper and cardboard from being separated. PLEASE do not put plastic bags into your recycling!



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.