

# Brass City Green

News on what is making Waterbury cleaner and greener  
Spring 2022 Waterbury Refuse Bureau – 203-574-6857  
<https://www.waterburyct.org/services/public-works/solid-waste>



## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events Scheduled for 2022



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 2022 is on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 2 pm, at 1 North Division Street, Ansonia. The 2<sup>nd</sup> event will be July 16<sup>th</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> event September 24<sup>th</sup>, 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/>. List of accepted and unaccepted items appears later in this newsletter.

## 2022 Waterbury Earth Day Clean-up Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am – 12:00 noon



Meet in the former Sears Automotive parking lot at Brass Mills parking lot 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. At noon enjoy a hot dog lunch as a “thank you” at PAL, the Police Activity League, at 64 Division.

This annual event is organized by the Litter Control and Beautification Commission.  
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## THERE ARE MONSTERS IN RECYCLING CARTS!



There may be a monster hiding in your green recycling cart and you don't even realize it is there! The biggest headache for workers at recycling sorting facilities is a plastic bag. Plastic bags tangle up the sorting machinery and, if used to bag up cans, bottles, paper and cardboard, may prevent them from being recycled.

Please, NEVER, put plastic bags in your recycling cart! THANK YOU!



## Witness the Wonder of Award-Winning Waterbury Wizardry

### EARTH DAY MAGIC!

Join Cyril the Sorcerer and Mister C for Silas Bronson Library's Earth Day Celebration on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm on the front plaza! Contact CJ May, Waterbury's Refuse/Recycling Coordinator, to arrange a free on-line or (Covid conditions permitting) in-person enviromagic show about recycling, water or energy. Reach CJ at [cmay@waterburyct.org](mailto:cmay@waterburyct.org) or 203-574-6851 x7637. Follow Waterbury Recycling at [www.facebook.com/waterburyrecycling](http://www.facebook.com/waterburyrecycling).



# 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](http://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](mailto:cmay@waterburyct.org), 203-574-6851 x 7637.