



LAKES REGION HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For the past 30 years, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) has coordinated regional household hazardous waste (HHW) collections at various locations in the region. This annual event provides a safe disposal option for residents in our participating communities.

1) What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

Many common products used in the home, garden, lawn, and garage are considered hazardous. If a product is **flammable**, **reactive**, or **explosive** when mixed with other substances, or is **corrosive** or **toxic**, then it is considered hazardous. **READ THE LABEL!** Products containing hazardous material should say "**poison**", "**toxic**", or "**danger**".

2) Who can participate in these collections? (Residents and taxpayers of the following communities are eligible and encouraged to bring hazardous products to the collection sites)

Alexandria, Andover, Belmont, Bridgewater, Bristol, Center Harbor, Effingham, Franklin, Freedom, Gilford, Gilmanton, Hebron, Hill, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, New Hampton, Ossipee, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tilton, and Tuftonboro

3) When are the annual HHW Collections?

Last Saturday in July (8:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

First Saturday in August (8:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

4) Where are the regional HHW collection sites located?

<i>Last Saturday in July</i>	Location	Street Address
Belmont	Fire Station	14 Gilmanton Road
Franklin	Public Works Garage	43 W Bow Street
Gilford	Public Works Garage	55 Cherry Valley Road
Meredith	Public Works Garage	17 Jenness Hill Road
<i>First Saturday in August</i>		
Bristol	Newfound Regional High School	150 Newfound Road <i>*Access site from River Rd.*</i>
Laconia	Public Works Garage	27 Bisson Avenue
Moultonborough	Highway Garage	68 Hwy Garage Road



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5) How much HHW can I bring to a collection site?

There is a limit of **10 gallons** or **50 pounds** per household.

6) What items/waste will you take? Below is a list of items you can and cannot bring to collections:



Accepted Items

Antifreeze	Photo Chemicals
Arts and Craft Supplies	Pool Chemicals
Brake Fluid	Radiator Cleaners
Degreasers	Rodent Killers
Drain & Oven Cleaners	Rust Preventatives
Gasoline	Sealants
Insect Sprays	Solvents
Metal Polish	Transmission Fluid
Oil-Based Paint	Wood Strippers
Used Motor Oil	
Paint Thinner	
Pesticides/Herbicides	



Unaccepted Items

LATEX PAINT	Rechargeable Batteries
Alkaline Batteries	Smoke Detectors
Ammunition	Thermostats/Thermometers
Asbestos	Tires
Ballasts	Fire Extinguishers
Compact Fluorescent Lights	
Electronics/Appliances	
Fluorescent Tubes	
Medicine	
Mercury Containing Devices	
Propane Tanks	
Radioactive Materials	

Check LRPC HHW website for alternative disposal sites for some accepted and not accepted materials. Check with local transfer station or fire department about fire extinguishers.

7) What is expected of me when I show up on collection day with my HHW?

Site volunteers will be available if you have questions and may ask you to participate in a short, anonymous survey while you wait. Specialized HHW staff will then unload and sort your hazardous waste so you can **stay inside your vehicle for your own safety!**

8) On collection day, attendees MUST:

- Place your hazardous waste in a **cardboard box** and put it in your car trunk or truck bed. Please **open your trunk** when on site so staff can remove materials for safe disposal.
- STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE!**
- Notify site staff if you want your containers back (i.e. - fuel cans, plastic storage tubs).

9) I own a business in the Lakes Region and have hazardous materials to get rid of, can I bring them to the collections?



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NO. These collections are strictly for residential waste. Small businesses may not bring commercial waste to these collections. Please contact the [Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility \(LRHHPF\)](#) in Wolfeboro, they can help you with disposal and all necessary paperwork.

10) Can I collect and bring in HHW from multiple households in my neighborhood?

NO. The collection limit from each individual household is **10 gallons** or **50 pounds**. Our household limit helps to maintain affordable disposal costs for our participating communities.

11) How do I properly dispose of latex paint?

LATEX PAINT MUST BE DRIED before discarding in the trash. You can refer to the *Latex Paint Disposal* handout(s) posted on our website: lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp

Depending on the amount of paint you have, the following materials can help solidify your latex paint:

[Plastic bag-lined container](#), [kitty litter](#), [sawdust](#), [shredded newspaper](#), [commercial paint hardener](#)

12) Where do I dispose of old or unused medicine?

We do not collect unused medications at our HHW collections. Below are several disposal options:

- a. Local Drop Boxes (FREE, anonymous disposal at local police departments)
<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/nh-drug-box-locations.pdf>
- b. LRHHPF Collections
wolfeboronh.us/lakes-region-household-hazardous-product-facility
- c. National Drug Take Back Day (usually Spring & Fall)
takebackday.dea.gov/

13) Where do I dispose of my old electronics (E-Waste)?

Most Lakes Region communities accept electronics and appliances at their transfer station for a small fee. These fees cover a small fraction of the costs to dispose of your e-waste. Some electronic stores, like BestBuy and Staples, will also take back electronics. Use our [interactive map](#) in the Helpful Links section on our HHW webpage to find electronic/appliance repair shops and transfer station disposal fees.