

# Windham Solid Waste Management District Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Products labeled: toxic, poisonous, corrosive, irritant, flammable, or combustible



## When

Saturday, October 19  
8 am – 12 pm

## Where

- WSWMD Transfer Station  
327 Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro
- Stratton Transfer Station  
9 W. Jamaica Road, Stratton

Fee: \$10/household

Limit: 10-gallons/household

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## √ What to Bring

- ✓ Adhesives
- ✓ Antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline
- ✓ Aerosol, arts/craft, auto paints
- ✓ Bleach
- ✓ Brake fluid
- ✓ Car wax & polishes
- ✓ Chemistry sets
- ✓ Cleaners/spot removers
- ✓ Drain & toilet cleaners
- ✓ Driveway sealer
- ✓ Fertilizer (chemical)
- ✓ Fuel additives
- ✓ Herbicides, pesticides
- ✓ Moth balls
- ✓ Muriatic acid
- ✓ Paint thinners & strippers
- ✓ Pool chemicals
- ✓ Roofing tar
- ✓ Solvents

## ⊗ What NOT to Bring

- Paint products - *see below*
- Batteries, unwanted electronics, fluorescent lights (*free disposal at WSWMD*)
- Ammunition/explosives/fireworks
- Medical waste, syringes
- Mercury containing devices
- Radioactive waste



## Paint Recycling Made Free & Easy!

Paint & paint related products can be recycled at the WSWMD Transfer Station. For stores that accept paint, check [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org). LIMIT: 10 cans/visit at WSWMD; 5 cans/at store drop-offs.

**Products Accepted:** oil-based, acrylic, water-based/latex, alkyd, oil-based, enamels, deck coatings, floor paints, primers, undercoaters, sealers, stains, shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes, waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents, metal coatings, rust preventatives, and field/lawn paints.

The HHW Collection Events are open to residents in Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) member towns: Brattleboro, Brookline, Dover, Dummerston, Guilford, Halifax, Jamaica, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Readsboro, Somerset, Stratton, Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro, Westminster, and Wilmington.

Businesses, schools, and institutions that generate less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month (Conditionally Exempt Generators or "CEGs") may take part in the HHW Collection Events for a fee. Email a waste inventory to [recycle@windhamsolidwaste.org](mailto:recycle@windhamsolidwaste.org) or call 257.0272 by October 1 in order to be accepted. For additional information on proper disposal of hazardous wastes, what's accepted at our HHW Collection Events, and nontoxic alternatives: [www.windhamsolidwaste.org](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org).

## How to Dispose of Hazardous Wastes NOT Accepted at the WSWMD HHW Collection Events

**Paint:** Can be taken to WSWMD at no charge; several hardware/paint stores also accept paint. Check [www.WindhamSolidWaste.org](http://www.WindhamSolidWaste.org) or [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) for a complete listing.

**Water-based/Latex Paint:** If the paint is dry or the can is nearly empty, dry out the paint (use kitty litter or other absorbent) and dispose of the contents and can in the trash.

**Empty containers:** All empty containers of materials should be disposed in the trash.

**Batteries and unwanted electronics:** These may be taken to WSWMD for recycling at no charge.

### **Syringes, sharps, needles:**

- Place syringes, sharps, or needles in a container specifically designed for syringe storage (supplied by doctors/hospitals) or in an empty, rigid plastic container, such as a laundry detergent bottle.
- Tape the bottle's cap shut with strong tape. Firmly attach a "Do Not Recycle" label to the bottle.
- Bring to WSWMD or dispose of bottle in the trash.

**Mercury containing devices:** WSWMD accepts thermometers, thermostats, barometers, mercury switches and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's), free of charge from residents. Thermostats are also accepted at many retail outlets (<https://www.thermostat-recycle.org/statelaws/vermont>).

**Smoke Detectors:** Ionization smoke detectors use a small amount of radioactive material, americium-241. Check your smoke detector information to find out the type of detector you have. Some manufacturers will accept nonworking detectors mailed-in at no cost. WSWMD accepts detectors at a cost of \$11.

### **Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD)**

327 Old Ferry Road

Brattleboro, Vermont

[www.WindhamSolidWaste.org](http://www.WindhamSolidWaste.org)

802.257.0272

*Disposal at Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events is very expensive. Funding comes from your town and your state tax dollars. Please do not bring any unacceptable items listed on this flyer to the collection events. In addition, we will NOT ACCEPT anything that is nontoxic (which can be disposed of in the trash) or any empty containers. If these items are found in the materials you bring to the Event, they will be returned to you.*

### **How to REDUCE Hazardous Waste**

**Buy Smart:** Purchase non-toxic or less toxic products and only the amount you need.

**Use it Up:** Finish all unused products or responsibly share or donate what is leftover.

### **Consider Nontoxic Alternatives**

There are numerous nontoxic cleaning products, pesticides/herbicides, lawn care, and other products that are much safer for your home, children, community, and the environment. Many grocery and hardware stores carry these items; recipes for home-made nontoxic alternatives can be found by searching the internet.

### **Proper Storage of Hazardous Materials**

Always keep products in their original containers, with the labels intact. If the labels become worn, make a new one with product details and tape it on the container. Hazardous items should be stored on a shelf where children cannot reach them and where, in case of flooding, the products will not end up in flood waters.