

## Why is Household Hazardous Waste a Problem?

### In Our Homes:

Accidental burns, poisoning, even death can result if HHW is not used, stored or disposed properly. Also, fires or explosions can occur which could injure or kill family, relatives, friends and firefighters.

### In the Water We Drink:

Septic systems and sewage treatment plants are not designed to filter out all hazardous materials. Pouring Household Hazardous Waste down the drain may lead to contaminated ground water or surface water. This may affect the water you drink or lead to contamination of our rivers and lakes.

### In the Air We Breathe:

Most of our municipal solid waste (trash) is burned, which means that if it contains hazardous materials, it may end up in the air we breathe.

### In the Water Where We Fish & Play:

After water is treated in a waste water or sewage treatment plant it is released into our rivers and other public waters. Hazardous materials in these waters may lead to death for fish populations and can result in less than inviting water for us to fish, swim or boat.

## What Can I Do About Household Hazardous Waste?

### Eliminate/decrease usage

We need to think about products that we bring into our homes and determine whether we can do without them or cut back on their usage. Remember the things that we contaminate may be our own!

### Buy what you need! Use what you buy!

For example, only buy the amount of paint needed for a job. When painting, use all of the paint, even if it means painting part of an area a second or third time. It will provide an even better, longer lasting finish and will eliminate storing old paint.

### Use Non-Toxic Alternatives

There are more and more products coming into the market that are non-toxic. In some cases substitutes may require a little more "elbow grease", but are well worth the effort to protect your health and environment.

### Give to Neighbors/Friends/Relatives

Any items that we cannot use could be given away to save money and disposal.

### Dispose of it Properly

Take to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day!

## FALL 2018 PARTICIPATING TOWNS

- ✓ Canaan
- ✓ Colebrook
- ✓ Cornwall
- ✓ Goshen
- ✓ Hartland
- ✓ Harwinton
- ✓ Litchfield
- ✓ Morris
- ✓ Norfolk
- ✓ North Canaan
- ✓ Salisbury
- ✓ Sharon
- ✓ Torrington
- ✓ RRDD1

If you are a resident of an eligible town or RRDD1, call your town hall/RRDD1 office to register and receive a ticket. You must register to participate. Some town halls are closed on Fridays, so register early. The next regional household hazardous waste collection date is in the spring of 2019.





## What to Bring

Paint, varnishes, stains, paint strippers, paint thinner, wood preservatives, turpentine, shellac, oven cleaners, drain cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, flammable liquids, lighter fluid, fire starters, degreasers, solvents, non-empty aerosol cans, ammonia cleaners, soaps/cleaners, rug & upholstery cleansers, floor care products, spot removers for clothes, spray starch, detergents, chlorine bleach, softeners, brighteners/whiteners pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, fertilizers, flea/tick powder, no-pest strips, poisons, furniture, floor & metal polishes, car wax, cosmetics, hair color, nail polish remover, moth balls/flakes/crystals, metal cleaners, waste fuels (kerosene, gasoline), brake fluid, transmission fluid, carburetor cleaner, antifreeze, photography chemicals, chemistry set chemicals, swimming pool chemicals, hobby & artist supplies, mercury, fiberglass resins, 20 lb. propane tanks (from barbecue grills)

## Preparation of Items

In order to make your trip to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day as quick and easy as possible here are some things you should do to prepare your items:

1. Keep items in their original container.
2. Organize similar items together in a box(es). This will allow workers to review your items more quickly to ensure proper disposal. Please keep **PaintCare** products separate from other waste (see Note below).
3. Place items in boxes, pad with newspaper. This will help prevent

possible spillage in your car/truck and will enable workers to remove materials quicker.

4. Pack your car and drive directly to the site.

## PaintCare Program

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

Please place the following products together in one or more boxes: interior and exterior architectural paints (latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel), deck coatings, floor paints, primers, sealers, under-coaters, stains, shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component), waterproofing, metal coatings, concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based), rust preventatives, field and lawn paints

## What NOT to Bring

Waste oil, vehicle batteries, radioactive materials, asbestos, ammunition, tires, explosives, fireworks, empty aerosol cans, smoke detectors, industrial or commercial wastes, infectious and biological wastes, syringes, electronics (old computers, etc.)

### Never Mix Chemicals/Never Smoke

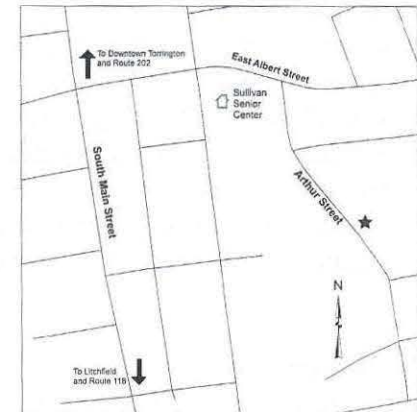
While handling hazardous materials.

### No containers over 5 gallons in size will

be accepted without special town permission prior to the event.

# Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

# October 13, 2018



Torrington  
Street Department  
107 Arthur Street  
Torrington, CT

Saturday, October 13, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.  
REGISTER WITH YOUR TOWN  
HALL/RRDD1.**