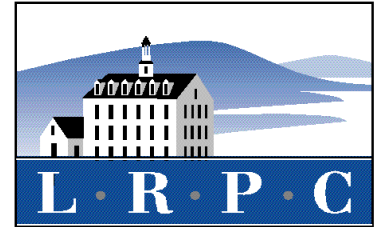


## HHW Coordinator's Meeting April 23, 2024 - 6:00 PM



### In Attendance

Alton	Scott Simmonds	Moultonborough	Kenney, Ashley
Alton	Seth Garland	Tamworth	*Anderson, Maud
Bristol	Cullen, Chuck	Tamworth	*Farnum, Ellen
Gilford	Crumb, Michelle	Tilton	Shane Dow
Gilmanton	DeCoste, Alex	Tuftonboro	Richard D'Onofrio
Holderness	Davis, Scott	LRPC	Jeffers, David
Laconia	Bullerwell, Kelly	LRPC	Rose, Matt
Meredith	Tarling, Mike		

\*Joined via Zoom call

### Introductions

- Welcome
  - o All introduced themselves. We have several new site coordinators.
- Program overview
  - o The program was summarized.
    - The LR HHW program has offered opportunities for safe, convenient disposal of HHW for more than 35 years. It involves more than 20 communities, multiple sites, and multiple dates. Any resident or residential taxpayer in a community may go to the one collection site that is most convenient for them.

### The 2024 Collections

- o Take-aways from the 2024 Collections
  - Those who were at last year's collections shared their experiences and takeaways.
  - 2024 was relatively light for turn-out overall and at some sites (Meredith, Bristol, and Tuftonboro) but Gilford saw an increase (5-year high) and Laconia had the second highest turnout ever!
  - Factors impacting turnout were discussed weather, new site and format, and outreach methods
- o By the numbers
  - 21 communities, 7 collection sites, 5 collection dates, spread over 4 months
  - 1,464 participating households, more than 33 tons of HHW disposed of properly
  - Local signage, websites make a difference in turnout
  - Two-thirds of those attending indicated that they could attend a weekday collection

### Organizational Items

- o Meeting Dates– 5/28, 7/9, 10/1 all Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in Meredith
- o Letters of Commitment - 19 have been received. Thank you! Helpful in grant application. There are a few more pending and all have been notified several times that the final date for submission is April 28.
- o We do anticipate Alton rejoining the LR Collections this year. Due to the sudden passing of Sarah Silk, long-time coordinator of the Lakes Region Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF), Alton and Wolfeboro have been exploring their options, with assistance from LRPC regarding the continued operation of this program that has served an important role in management of hazardous wastes in the Lakes Region for more than two decades.
- o Invoices will be sent out by mid-May and will be due upon receipt.

- We are in the midst of a multi-year contract with Tradebe Environmental. We were able to retain a fixed price contract and multiple collection sites. Ours is still one of the largest and lowest cost HHW collection programs in the state.

### **Collections – Sites & Vendor**

- Collection Dates & Sites – The following collection sites, dates, and times are confirmed.
  - Saturdays. from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM.
    - June 21 (Franklin)
    - July 26 (Gilford, Meredith)
    - Aug. 23 (Moultonborough)
    - Sept. 20 (Laconia)
  - Thursdays from 2:00 – 6:00 PM
    - Aug. 28 (Bristol) – New site Town Transfer Station
    - Sept. 26 (Tuftonboro)
  - The list of sites and dates will be finalized in May.
- As Tradebe brings new staff to their HHW projects, they would like to make Site Visits at each of our Collection Sites. This helps everyone plan and discuss various options. They would like to schedule these over a couple of half days in early June.

### **Publicity, Outreach, and Information**

- Messages –
  - Multiple options for safe disposal, attend the collection most convenient for you.
  - No latex/acrylic paint.
  - 10 gallon/50 pounds per household
  - QR code and reference to webpage will be stressed.
- Methods & Outreach
  - Brochure and flyer – drafts were reviewed and a few edits suggested. Final versions will be posted in early May.
  - Press releases/e-blasts/social media – Press releases will begin going out in May. These can be adapted for local newsletters. LRPC will provide social media posts.
  - The LRPC HHW page is your source for up-to-date information  
<http://www.lakesrpc.nh.gov/Pages/Index/228929/household-hazardous-waste>
  - Printing and distribution of brochures & flyers is a local responsibility. LRPC can help a bit, especially if doing a targeted HHW outreach in the community.
  - Banners with reference to webpage were displayed and discussed.
  - T-shirts (Orange and pink with white print) were distributed to Site coordinators.

### **Coordinator Roles and Responsibilities - Outreach**

- A checklist for all Local Coordinators was reviewed
- A Site Coordinator checklist was distributed. Special emphasis was placed on reviewing and understanding Sections II, III, and V, (Staffing, Dumpster, and Roles on Collection Day)

### **Other**

- Universal Waste Options – not collected through this program. Most communities accept it throughout the year. Check LRPC HHW website for additional disposal options.
- LRHHPF Update – Information will be provided as decisions are confirmed.
- USDA Solid Waste programs
  - June 12 – Roundtable “Recycling Options for Boat Plastic (Shrink-wrap)”
  - Followed by Roundtables on various solid waste topics including Li ion Battery Ban, Solid Waste Rule Changes, and Pay As You Throw
  - Starting up local Composting program in several communities
  - Attendance at most of these Roundtables will count towards SWO Training Credits