



LAKES REGION HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For the past 38 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, Alton, Andover, Bridgewater, Bristol, Center Harbor, Franklin, Gilford, Gilmanton, Hill, Hebron, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro

3) When and where are the annual HHW Collections?

Saturday Collection Events are **8:30 AM – 12:00 PM** & Thursday Collection Events are **2:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

June 20, 2026 (Saturday)	Franklin Public Works & Wolfeboro Product Facility	43 W. Bow St. & 404 Beach Pond Rd.
July 25, 2026 (Saturday)	Gilford Public Works & Meredith Public Works	55 Cherry Vally Rd. & 17 Jenness Hill Rd.
August 1, 2026 (Saturday)	Alton Transfer Station & Moultonborough Public Works	74 Hurd Hill Rd. & 68 Highway Garage Rd.
August 27, 2026 (Thursday)	Tuftonboro Transfer Station	20 Sargent's Crossing
September 3, 2026 (Thursday)	Bristol Transfer Station	100 Ayers Island Rd.
September 19, 2026 (Saturday)	Laconia Public Works	27 Bisson Ave.

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

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



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5) **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	Used Motor Oil
Paint Thinner	Wood Strippers
Pesticides/Herbicides	



Unaccepted Items

All types of Batteries	Medicine
Ammunition	Mercury Containing Devices
Asbestos	Propane Tanks
Ballasts	Radioactive Materials
Compact Fluorescent Lights	Smoke Detectors
Electronics/Appliances	Thermostats/Thermometers
Fire Extinguishers	Tires
Flares (boat and road)	
Fluorescent Tubes/ bulbs	
LATEX PAINT	

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

6) **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!**

7) **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).

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

NO. These collections are strictly for residential waste. Small businesses may not bring commercial waste to these collections but call us for additional disposal resources. **If you are a small business in need of hazardous waste disposal, we can help you find resources for your disposal needs through your inquiry, call 603-279-5336.**

9) **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.



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10) How do I properly dispose of latex paint?

Call your local transfer station, they can take Latex paint only. LATEX PAINT MUST BE DRIED before discarding in the trash. You can refer to the *Latex Paint Disposal* handout(s) posted on our website:

<https://www.lakesrpc.nh.gov/Pages/Index/228929/household-hazardous-waste>

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](#)

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

We do not collect unused medications at our HHW collections. Below are a few 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. National Drug Take Back Day (usually Spring & Fall) <https://www.dea.gov/takebackday>

12) 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 in the Helpful Links section on our HHW webpage to find electronic/appliance repair shops and transfer station disposal fees. Link below:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1oldsLAFnYpXMLemuR4UlzyxQWBkIxiBp&ll=43.63236494609954%2C-71.45711511987689&z=10>