

Brass City Green

News on what is making Waterbury cleaner and greener
Winter 2025 Waterbury Refuse Bureau – 203-574-6857
<https://www.waterburyct.org/services/public-works/solid-waste>



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events Scheduled for 2025



What is HHW?

Keep our waterways and trash bins free from dangerous stuff by dropping it off to one of the free Household Hazardous Waste collection events! The first is on Saturday April 12th, 8 am – 2 pm, at the Naugatuck Transfer Station, 34 Andrew Avenue. The 2nd event will be on July 26th, at the John Trumbull School, Oakville. The 3rd will be on September 27th at Beacon Falls Recreation Complex.

“Household Hazardous Waste” refers to items from your garden, workshop, toolshed, garage and even kitchen that are poisonous or otherwise dangerous e.g. bug spray, brake fluid, drain cleaner etc.

<https://nvcogct.gov/>. A list of accepted and unaccepted items appears later in this newsletter.

GREEN TALK: tell us what you think of our newsletter, what you would like covered in upcoming issues, and how we can continue greening the Brass City!

SEE THE FUTURE!



The Refuse Bureau Collection Calendar for 2025 is posted on the City’s website, available for you to view, download and/or print out for your fridge

ON-LINE:
<https://www.waterburyct.org/Holiday-Refuse>

PRINTABLE:
<https://www.waterburyct.org/services/public-works/solid-waste>

OOPS!



To help residents recycle the right items Waterbury’s Public Works employees place “OOPS Tags” on carts which have been used for the wrong stuff and “Green Star” tags on carts with only the right stuff. The cart in this picture has both just for demonstration. Common problem items are:

- ❌ Plastic bags
- ❌ Styrofoam
- ❌ Bubble wrap
- ❌ Items with food
- ❌ Plastic straws, lids, utensils



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Home Materials

Kitchen

- Drain cleaners
- Oven cleaners
- Floor cleaners
- Waxes, polishes, and cleaners

Bathroom

- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Fingernail polish removers
- Disinfectants
- Hair color
- Aerosol deodorant

Laundry

- Spot removers
- Spray starch
- Chlorine bleach

General Household

- Lead based paint
- Lighter fluid
- Rug & upholstery cleaners
- Aerosol cans
- Adhesives
- Carbon tetrachloride
- Chlordane
- Acids and bases
- Oxidizers
- Chemicals
- Chemistry sets
- Photo chemicals
- Mothballs
- Septic tank degreasers
- Wood & metal cleaners
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Alkaline batteries
- Mercury thermometers

Automotive Materials

- Transmission fluid, fuel, and oil additives
- Grease and rust solvents
- Carburetor and fuel injection cleaners
- Gasoline and diesel fuel
- Brake fluid

- Starter, lubricating, and radiator fluids
- Antifreeze

Yard and Garden Materials

- Fertilizers
- Pool chemicals
- Sevin
- Herbicides, insecticides, and pesticides
- Poisons
- Fungicides/wood treating chemicals
- Flea/tick powder or spray

PAINTCARE PRODUCTS

Interior and Exterior Architectural Paints

- Latex
- Acrylic
- Water-based
- Alkyd
- Oil-based
- Enamel (including textured coatings)

Other Paint Products

- Primers, sealers, and undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, and urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete, masonry, wood sealers and repellents (no tar or bitumen based)
- Rust preservatives
- Metal coatings
- Field and lawn paints

Containers larger than 5 gallons will not be accepted

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Car and lead acid batteries
- Tires
- Waste motor oil
- Empty aerosols or other empty containers of any kind
- Smoke detectors
- Shock sensitive materials
- Radioactive materials
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Asbestos
- Lead dust
- Joint compound
- Sand blasting grit
- Explosives (ammunition, fireworks, explosives flares, picric acid, etc)
- PCBs, DDT
- Dioxin/dioxin forming materials (pentachlorophenol), pesticides containing 245 T, Silvex



To learn more about the three household hazardous waste collection events held each year by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments visit www.nvcogct.gov or call 203-757-0535