

# Brass City Green

News on what is making Waterbury Cleaner and Greener  
Spring 2021

Waterbury Refuse Bureau – 203-574-6857 [www.waterburyct.org/refuse](http://www.waterburyct.org/refuse)



**Household Hazardous  
Waste Drop-off Event**  
**Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 am – 2:00 pm**



**What is HHW?**

Keep our waterways and trash bins free from dangerous stuff by dropping it off to one of the three Household Hazardous Waste collection events! The first of 2021 is on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 2 pm, at the Naugatuck Event Center, 6 Rubber Avenue, Naugatuck.

“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.

More information is available at <https://nvcogct.gov/>. List of accepted and unaccepted items appears later in this newsletter.

**2021 Waterbury  
Earth Day Clean-up**  
**Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 am – 12:00 noon**



Meet at the East Main Street entrance to the Brass Mills parking lot at 8:30 am to get gloves & bags, then head out to pick up litter with your own team or one you join 9 - 12. At noon enjoy a hot dog lunch as a “thank you” at Schofield (Bunker Hill) Park.

This annual event is organized by the Litter Control and Beautification Commission. For More information contact: [bcorintas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcorintas@sbcglobal.net)

**Waterbury Earns  
Bronze Certification  
from SustainableCT!**



In 2020 The City of Waterbury received Bronze level certification from SustainableCT in recognition of its many sustainability efforts.

Among the sustainable actions were brownfield mapping and remediation, the farmer’s market held on the green, and conversion of street lights

to energy-saving LEDs.

To learn about the City’s efforts contact

The Mayor’s Office:

[dblanchard@waterburyct.org](mailto:dblanchard@waterburyct.org) or [adegirolamo@waterburct.org](mailto:adegirolamo@waterburct.org).

Visit [www.sustainablect.org](http://www.sustainablect.org) for information on the program.



## **Witness the Wonder of Award Winning Waterbury Wizardry**

Contact CJ May, Waterbury’s Refuse/Recycling Coordinator, to arrange an on-line or (post-Covid) in-person enviromagic show about recycling, water or energy. CJ has been performing his recycling magic shows online for Waterbury’s after-school programs since Covid stopped his in-person visits. He also enjoys performing at community events and meetings for clubs and other groups. Reach CJ at [cmay@waterburyct.org](mailto:cmay@waterburyct.org) or 203-574-6851 x7637. Follow Waterbury Recycling at [www.facebook.com/waterburyrecycling](http://www.facebook.com/waterburyrecycling).



# 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](http://www.nvcogct.gov) or call 203-757-0535**

**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! [cmay@waterburyct.org](mailto:cmay@waterburyct.org), 203-574-6851 x 7637.