

**LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**
2016 Residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections
and
Paper Shredding Events
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The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments sponsors Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for the towns of Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook. Residents from these towns are urged to participate in this program for a safe and convenient way to dispose of residential hazardous waste and it's FREE. Also this year there will be 4 paper shredding events. Residents from the towns of Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook are welcome to participate and its FREE.

Please note this program is for residential household hazardous waste only. No business waste is accepted without prior approval.

(All collections are held on Saturdays - HHW 9 a.m. to 1p.m. and Paper Shredding 9 a.m. to 12 noon)

<u>DATES</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 6	HHW	Clinton Public Works Garage, 117 Nod Road **
April 30	HHW	East Hampton Water Pollution Control Facility, 20 Gildersleeve Dr. **
May 7	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
May 21	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
May 21	Paper Shredding	East Hampton Water Pollution Control Facility, 20 Gildersleeve Dr. ***
June 4	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
June 11	Paper Shredding	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
June 25	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
July 16	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
August 20	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
August 27	Paper Shredding	Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main Street ****
Sept 10	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
Sept. 17	HHW	Middletown, Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Road **
Sept. 24	Paper Shredding	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
Oct. 1	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
Oct. 15	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *
Oct. 29	HHW	Hazardous Waste Facility across from Essex Transfer Station, Dump Road *

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- * Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.
- ** All above towns including Middletown, Cromwell, Durham, East Hampton, Middlefield and Portland.
- *** All above towns including East Haddam.

Household Hazardous Wastes ACCEPTED

Acids	Gasoline & Diesel	Polishes	Adhesives
Glues	Pool Chemicals	Herbicides	Pesticides
Paint Thinners	Rodent Poison	Solvents	Aerosols (Full or Partial)
Ammonia	Insecticides	Mercury	Floor Care Products
Kerosene	Transmission Fluid	Artist's Paints	Lighter Fluid
Turpentine	Weed Killer	Brake Fluids	Mercury Switches
Wood & Metal Polishes	Cleaning Solvents	Moth Balls	Mercury Thermostats Wood
Stains	Degreasers	Disinfectants	Photographic Chemicals
Mercury Thermometers	Wood Preservatives	Drain Cleaners	Latex & Oil-Based Paints
Oven Cleaners	Epoxy Products	Paint Strippers	Fluorescent, CFL Bulbs

Other Acceptable Items:

Asbestos – This includes some types of insulation, shingles, and tiles. The material must be damp and doubled bagged when it's brought to the collection. Call first (860-581-8554) limited amount accepted.

Chemistry Sets – Old chemistry sets can contain some very hazardous materials.

**It is illegal to dump hazardous waste on the ground or down storm sewers.
Call the local police or CT DEEP 860-424-3338 to report violations.**

FLUORESCENT BULBS & COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS

Fluorescent bulbs (straight, U-shape, round and compact, etc.) are more efficient and last longer than incandescent bulbs. Fluorescent bulbs save electricity and are better for the environment but they contain mercury and must be disposed of properly. Some home improvements stores may accept unbroken bulbs.

If a fluorescent bulb or CFL breaks in your home follow these recommended clean-up guidelines:

- Ventilate the room.
- Pick up all the materials you can. Wear disposable gloves!
- Double bag and recycle
- Wash your hands!!!

MEDICINES/DRUGS

Do not dispose of expired or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter medications by flushing them down the toilet or a drain. You may dispose of unwanted medication in the trash or ask your pharmacy if there is a program for dispose. Contact CT DEEP or River COG for instructions. Drugs can also be dropped off at the Clinton Police Station.

NEEDLES/SYRINGES/LANCETS

Disposing of needles, syringes or lancets can be done in the regular trash if done correctly. Please contact DEEP or River COG for instructions.

Needles and syringes cannot be accepted at household hazardous waste collections in CT.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COLLECTIONS

Please note these are possible disposal options. The specified organization must be contacted to verify they actually dispose of the listed item prior to bringing your waste to their location. Hazardous Waste should never be dumped at a facility or at a temporary Hazardous Waste site before a collection. This is an environmental and safety hazard and is also illegal.

Ammunition (including gunpowder) - Call your local Police Department.

Asbestos – Large amounts of asbestos should be disposed of at specified location only. Call DEEP for those locations.

Business Waste – The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments accepts small business waste at its collections, by appointment only call the Hazardous Waste Coordinator to make arrangements, 860-581-8554.

Car Batteries – Most town recycling centers will accept.

Electronics – Most town recycling centers will accept.

Explosives – Your local Police Department may accept them.

Fire Extinguishers – Your local Fire Department may accept them or Shoreline Fire Equipment Co. Old Saybrook

Freon – Check with the town recycling center.

Marine Flares – Contact a local marina.

Ice Melt – Ice melt is not hazardous and can be disposed of in the regular trash.

Latex Driveway Sealer (Genite) – Driveway sealer is not hazardous; solidify then throw in the regular trash.

Medicine/Drugs – Not accepted. Contact CT DEEP

Needles/Syringes- Not accepted. Contact CT DEEP.

Propane Tanks for Gas Grills - Most town recycling centers will accept or Deep River Rental, Deep River.

Smoke Detectors - Send smoke detectors back to the manufacturer.

Tires - Most town recycling centers will accept for a fee.

Rules For Bringing Waste To A Collection Day

STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE WHILE THE CHEMICALS ARE REMOVED!

This is for your safety and is required by our contractor's CT DEEP permit.

- Bring your waste in their original containers whenever possible or label containers with their contents and please make sure all containers are closed.
- If a container is leaking, place it in a larger non-leaking, covered container and then label the container.
- Do not mix different products.
- Collect your waste containers in **disposable** boxes or bins, which should be transported in your trunk. Do not put your Household Hazardous Waste in the backseat with your children or pets.
- NO SMOKING IN YOUR CAR! Most wastes are flammable.
- If possible, leave children and animals at home.
- Remove other items from your car or trunk that could be mistaken as Household Hazardous Waste (like brand new fertilizer or antifreeze).

Identifying Household Hazardous Waste

Many common products that we use contain hazardous chemicals. A product is considered hazardous if it's:

- **TOXIC** - can injure or kill if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin
- **FLAMMABLE** – ignites easily and burns rapidly
- **CORROSIVE** - can cause permanent tissue damage through contact
- **REACTIVE** - creates an explosion or produces deadly vapors

Warning is applied to chemicals considered toxic with lethal doses between 1 teaspoon and 1 tablespoon.

Caution is the least toxic category with lethal doses between 1 ounce and 1 pint.

LAWN CARE

Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers are some of the most hazardous products in your home. Children and pets are at risk of becoming sick from exposure to these lawn care products. When it rains lawn care products are washed into storm drains and eventually into rivers and the ocean. Fertilizers remove oxygen from the water, and pesticides are poisonous to aquatic life.

MERCURY

Mercury vapors are colorless and odorless and can be dangerous to your health.

Mercury can be found in thermometers, thermostats fluorescent light bulbs, mercury-oxide batteries electronic switches, security devices that detect movement, and paints manufactured before 1990 (especially marine and deck paints).

PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

Bring up to 5 (9”h x 18”w x 12”d) boxes or grocery bags full of old personal papers, such as medical records, legal documents, financial and tax returns!!!

No junk mail, magazines, books, cards, envelopes, etc. will be accepted.

No Businesses allowed.

Free to Participate.

D Required.

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Hand Wash Your Car with the Two Bucket Method

Professional automotive detailers from the West Coast have devised a two bucket method of hand washing their customer's automobiles and trucks. Using two buckets to wash a car by hand is something used by the show car circuit. They never use a commercial car wash, the kind with the floppy brushes on their beautiful finishes. That is a sin to be avoided on the show car circuit for sure.

Cars cost \$25,000 and up today for just average models. Modern paint jobs for automobiles are great. The clear coats that automobile companies use are quite durable. However, the paint coating is only a few thousandths of an inch thick and can be scratched quite easily. Ever notice swirl marks on a car's finish? Especially on a dark colored car? Somehow, grit and dirt was caught on a sponge, or mitt, and the circular motion scratches the paint.

The two bucket method solves the problem of dirt scratching your valuable paint job. One bucket has the soapy water that you wash the paint surface with. The second bucket has the rinse water that you rinse off the sponge or washing mitt in.

Please invest in a sheepskin car washing mitt. The fibers of the sheepskin tend to work dirt away from the surface. A good sheepskin wash mitt will last for years. Just make sure you rinse it thoroughly after each use. Please don't use a sponge! Dirt and scratchy stuff can get caught on the sponge and scratch. The pros use a sheepskin mitt to keep swirl marks off their beautiful car finishes. A wise idea to use.

Wash your car in the shade. If the finish is too hot the paint softens and scratches easier. Wet the car thoroughly with a gentle stream of water. Don't use full force spray! This can grind grit into the paint finish. Just a thorough wetting is sufficient.

Never use dish detergent, because this will remove the wax! Use an appropriate car washing solution sold on the automotive aisles of your favorite store. Fill up your bucket with water first. Then add the car washing solution. You don't want a whole bunch of foamy bubbles. Once you've added an ounce or two of the car soap then swirl it around with your mitt to get the suds.

Start at the roof first. Wash a 2 foot section with clean, soapy water. Then rinse your sheepskin mitt and shake it around in the rinse water to dislodge any dirt particles that can scratch the finish. There is a round grid-like plastic gadget, you can buy that fits in the bottom of a 5 gallon pail. The idea is that the grid allows dirt to settle to the bottom of the rinse bucket and not scratch the paint.

Work in sections and rinse quickly to prevent the suds from drying. Dried suds residue can scratch the paint. Don't let the suds dry. Rinse them off to avoid any paint damage.

You've started at the roof, and washed the surface by sections. As you work, you have rinsed thoroughly. Now you are finished. The next step is to dry the car thoroughly. Those micro-fiber towels soak up many times their weight in water. Get a few to do a proper job.

You've done an excellent job of hand washing your car, and have dried it properly. Using two buckets has kept dirt and grit from scratching your expensive paint job. Now you are ready to apply a coat of wax, or liquid polish. The type of wax or polish is a whole different article. Give the two bucket hand wash system a try. You will be pleased with the result.