

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

GCC MAIN CAMPUS AND ORANGE TRANSFER STATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 15TH

**Register online at: franklincountywastedistrict.org
or fill out the form on the back of this sheet and mail it.**

Your appointment time and directions will be mailed after registration is processed.

For residents and businesses of the following towns:

Athol, Barre*, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Rowe, Royalston, Shelburne, Sunderland*, Warwick, Wendell, Whately.

This collection event is free for residents. *Barre and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in 2023. Space is limited. Greenfield and Leyden residents are not eligible and should call (413) 772-1528 for info on disposal.

For business registration and pricing information, call (413) 772-2438.



Participants will be required to remain in their vehicle and place all waste in the trunk, rear cargo area, or truck bed. Batteries, thermometers, and thermostats are no longer accepted; these items can be brought to most town transfer stations year-round.

LATEX PAINT IS NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS COLLECTION.



WHAT TO BRING

Any substance labeled: CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, DANGER, CAUTION



- Paint (non-latex), spray paint, varnish, paint thinners, solvents
- Herbicides, pesticides, yard/garden chemicals, wood preservatives
- Asphalt sealer, roofing tar, household cleaners, pool chemicals
- Motor oil, antifreeze, automotive fluids
- Photo chemicals, arts & crafts supplies, furniture polish

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, mercury-containing items (see reverse for alternate disposal), latex paint, empty containers from hazardous products (put empties in trash, not recycling), gas cylinders, radioactive material, explosives (including ammunition & fireworks)

For more information: franklincountywastedistrict.org or contact the Franklin County Solid Waste District at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438.

MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

The District is an equal opportunity provider.



Safe Home—Healthy Home

We are exposed to harmful chemicals in many ways—including products we use to clean our homes or maintain our yards. Only a small portion of the more than 80,000 chemicals registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have been thoroughly tested for human health concerns. Many common chemicals found in our homes can have immediate toxic effects on adults, children, and pets if not used properly. Others may have long-term health effects after repeated exposure. Particles from detergents, cosmetics, pesticides, and other chemicals are found in the dust in our homes, potentially contributing to asthma.



We can make our homes safer by adopting some minor changes to the way we clean our homes or care for our lawns and gardens, and through proper storage, use, and disposal of household chemicals. Consider purchasing nontoxic or low-toxic products. When considering a chemical product, ask yourself if something else you already have will do the job. Common household items such as baking soda, vinegar, and plant-based soaps can often clean just as well as specialty cleaners.

Mercury-containing items such as thermometers, thermostats and compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) should never be put in the trash or recycling. These items won't be accepted at the 2023 Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Thermometers and thermostats are accepted free of charge at District transfer stations; put in plastic bag and hand to attendant. All types of fluorescent bulbs are accepted at Franklin County transfer stations, including Greenfield transfer station, and Lowe's Stores. Home Depot only accepts CFL bulbs. These items are also accepted at the District's regional hazardous waste "Super Sites." Fees may apply; handle items carefully.

Batteries (rechargeable, lithium, button) and cell phones are other common household items that should never be placed in the trash. If these batteries are burned in waste combustion facilities or buried in landfills they can release mercury, cadmium or other heavy metals into the air and water, entering the food chain and posing health threats to people and the environment. Proper disposal of these batteries and cell phones is free at all District transfer stations; hand them to the attendant. Towns that do not have transfer stations have collection boxes at town hall. Residents can bring vehicle batteries to auto parts stores and most municipal transfer stations for free recycling or get paid at scrap metal dealers.

For information on alternatives to chemical products, and information about proper disposal of hazardous chemicals, mercury and sharps (needles): franklincountywastedistrict.org, info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438. The District is an equal opportunity provider. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

Hazardous Waste Day Registration - submit by September 15, 2023 (or register online):

Please fill out this form completely and mail to:
 FCSWMD, 117 Main St, Greenfield, MA 01301

Resident name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Town of residence: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Specify type and quantity of waste
Ex: 2 gallons gas, 5 lbs. pesticides
Please be specific!
