

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

GCC MAIN CAMPUS AND ORANGE TRANSFER STATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 18TH

**Register online at: www.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, and Whately.

This collection event is free for residents. *Barre and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in 2020. 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.



Due to COVID-19, safety protocols and waste restrictions will be in place.



Participants will be required to wear a mask, remain in their vehicle, and place all waste in the trunk, rear cargo area, or truck bed. Materials that will not be collected this year include all types of batteries, thermometers, and thermostats. These items can be brought to most town transfer stations year-round.



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: www.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 products such as thermometers, thermostats and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) should never be disposed of in the trash. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, none of these items will be accepted at the 2020 Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Thermometers and thermostats are accepted free of charge at Franklin County transfer stations; place in a bag and give to attendant. CFLs and other fluorescent bulbs are accepted at Lowe’s Stores, at all District transfer stations, and at Greenfield Transfer Station (handle carefully and ask attendant).

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 automotive stores and most 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): www.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 18, 2020 (or register online):

Please fill out this form completely and mail to:
 FCSWMD, 117 Main St, 2nd Floor, 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!
