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“What Do I Do With Household Hazardous Waste”

Safely rid your home of hazardous products such as oil-based paint and stain, lawn and garden chemicals, kitchen and bathroom cleaners, and automotive products. Because these products can have severe impacts on the environment, contaminating our water, soil, air, ecosystems, and bodies, it is important to dispose of these items properly. It does not take much to contaminate these precious resources: one quart of oil to pollute 250,000 gallons of water. Residents and residential taxpayers in the Lakes Region Planning Commission’s 25 participating communities may bring up to 10 gallons or 50 pounds of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) to any one of the 8 collection sites in the lakes region on two Saturdays this summer:

On **July 28th** bring your hazardous waste to the Belmont Fire Station and Public Works Garages in Franklin, Gilford, & Meredith. On **August 4th** HHW will be collected at the NH DOT Garage in Bristol, the Public Works Garage in Laconia on Bisson Avenue, and the Town Highway Garages in Center Ossipee and Moultonborough. All 8 collections will run from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon.

As a reminder: **Latex paint and alkaline batteries are not considered HHW, and will not be accepted on the collection days.** These products can go in with the household trash (dry out the paint before disposal).

To get maps to the collection sites, learn more information about wastes, or make a donation to the program, visit the Lakes Region HHW website at <http://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp>, find us on Facebook (under Lakes Region Planning), or call 279-5334 or 279-5341.

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