For the past 30 years, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) has coordinated regional household hazardous waste (HHW) collections at various locations in the region. This annual event provides a safe disposal option for residents in our participating communities.

1) **What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?**

Many common products used in the home, garden, lawn, and garage are considered hazardous. If a product is flammable, reactive, or explosive when mixed with other substances, or is corrosive or toxic, then it is considered hazardous. **READ THE LABEL!** Products containing hazardous material should say "poison", "toxic", or "danger".

2) **Who can participate in these collections?** (Residents and taxpayers of the following communities are eligible and encouraged to bring hazardous products to the collection sites)

Alexandria, Andover, Belmont, Bridgewater, Bristol, Center Harbor, Effingham, Franklin, Freedom, Gilford, Gilmanton, Hebron, Hill, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, New Hampton, Northfield, Ossipee, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tilton and Tuftonboro

3) **When are the annual HHW Collections?**

Last Saturday in July (8:30 AM – 12:00 PM)
First Saturday in August (8:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

4) **Where are the regional HHW collection sites located?**

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<td>Fire Station</td>
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5) How much HHW can I bring to a collection site?
   There is a limit of 10 gallons or 50 pounds per household.

6) What items/waste will you take? Below is a list of items you can and cannot bring to collections:

   **Accepted Items**
   - Antifreeze
   - Arts & Craft Supplies
   - Brake Fluid
   - Car Batteries
   - Compact Light Bulbs
   - Degreasers
   - Drain & Oven Cleaners
   - Fluorescent Light Bulbs
   - Gasoline
   - Insect Sprays
   - Metal Polish
   - Oil-Based Paint
   - Paint Thinner
   - Pesticides/Herbicides
   - Photo Chemicals
   - Pool Chemicals
   - Radiator Cleaners
   - Rodent Killers
   - Rust Preventatives
   - Sealants
   - Solvents
   - Transmission Fluid
   - Used Motor Oil
   - Wood Strippers

   **Unaccepted Items**
   - LATEX PAINT
   - Alkaline Batteries
   - Ammunition
   - Asbestos
   - Fireworks
   - Electronics (computers, printers, air conditioners, microwaves, TVs)
   - Medicine
   - Propane Tanks
   - Radioactive Materials
   - Smoke Detectors
   - Tires

7) What is expected of me when I show up on collection day with my HHW?
   Site volunteers will be available if you have questions and may ask you to participate in a short, anonymous survey while you wait. Specialized HHW staff will then unload and sort your hazardous waste so you can stay inside your vehicle for your own safety!

8) I own a business in the Lakes Region and have hazardous materials to get rid of; can I bring them to the collections?
   **NO.** These collections are strictly for residential wastes. Small businesses may not dispose commercial waste at these collections. Please contact the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF) in Wolfeboro, they can help you with disposal and all necessary paperwork.

9) If I am a landlord with multiple residential properties, can I bring their hazardous waste to a collection?
   **You may only bring the household limit of 10 gallons or 50 pounds.**
   Please contact the LRHHPF in Wolfeboro to learn about your disposal options.
10) Can I collect and bring in HHW from multiple households in my neighborhood?
   NO. The collection limit from each individual household is 10 gallons or 50 pounds. Our household limit helps to maintain affordable disposal costs for our participating communities.

11) How do I properly dispose of latex paint?
   Latex paint must be dried before discarding in the trash. You can refer to the Latex Paint Disposal handout(s) posted on our website: https://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp
   Depending on the amount of paint you have, the following materials can help solidify your latex paint:
   Plastic bag-lined container, kitty litter, sawdust, shredded newspaper, commercial paint hardener

12) Where do I dispose of old or unused medicine?
   We do not collect unused medications at our HHW collections. Below are several disposal options:
   a. Local Drop Boxes (free, anonymous disposal at local police departments)
   b. LRHHPF Collections
   c. National Drug Take Back Day (usually spring & fall)
      https://takebackday.dea.gov/

13) Where do I dispose of my old electronics (E-Waste)?
   Most Lakes Region communities accept e-waste at their transfer stations for a small fee. Some electronic stores will also take back electronics like BestBuy and Staples.

   Use our interactive map in the Helpful Links section on our website (https://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp) to find repair shops and transfer station fees for electronics.