

Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

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What do you do with household hazardous wastes in your home when it is necessary to dispose of them? Your waste hauler does not want hazardous waste mixed in with your household trash nor does he want any liquids for that matter. Therefore, you may have begun to wonder what is the proper way to dispose of this material? If so, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program is for you.

The intent of the program is to provide an environmentally responsible way to dispose of hazardous materials and to provide residents with information on how to produce less hazardous waste in the future. For example: when purchasing products that may be hazardous, only buy enough material for the intended purpose, or be sure, as a DIY auto mechanic, that you regularly take your used motor oil to auto service centers that are willing to accept it.

The collection program consists of at least twenty-five collection days scheduled throughout southeastern Pennsylvania of which eight are scheduled in Bucks County.

The HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY dates in Bucks County are:

HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY May 9, 2015

*Harry S. Truman High School
3001 Green Lane, Levittown
Bristol Township*

HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY June 27, 2015

*Pennridge High School
1228 N. Fifth Street
East Rockhill Township*

HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY July 25, 2015

*Central Bucks South High School
1100 Folly Road
Warrington Township*

HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY August 15, 2015

*Quakertown Community High School
600 Park Avenue (Rear Lot)
Quakertown Borough*

HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY August 22, 2015

*Bucks County Technical High School
610 Wistar Road*

Bristol Township

At the HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY events we will accept Household Batteries- All Button Types, Lithium and Rechargeables; Lead-Acid Batteries from Car, Marine, Motorcycle, and Truck; Caustics like Ammonia-Based Cleaners, Household Lye, Oven Cleaner, Drain Cleaner, and Metal Cleaner; Flammables such as Oil-based Paint, Spot Removers, Gasoline, Kerosene, Gas/Oil mixture, and Heating Oil (in nothing larger than a 5 gal container and not more than 220 lbs.); Pesticides such as Chlordane, DDT, Malathion, Sevin, and Rodent Poison; Common Household Toxics like Photographic Chemicals, Pool Chemicals, Weed Killer, Antifreeze, Rust/Paint Remover, Mercury, and CFLs (fluorescent lamps). If you are unsure of an item please call (215) 345- 3400.

Residents may bring a maximum of 25 gallons or 225 pounds of material to the appropriate collection event accepting that specific item.

Do not bring: large appliances, biological waste, explosives, radioactive waste, or tires.

Guidelines for safely transporting household hazardous waste to the collection sites include:

- Place all materials securely in a box, to prevent spilling.
- Keep all products in their original containers with labels intact.
- Keep all caps and lids on tight.
- Wrap leaking containers in newspaper and place in a plastic container for transport.
- Do not mix materials.
- Do not leave loaded vehicle in a hot unventilated area for prolonged periods.
- Do not smoke near the chemicals.

If you have LATEX PAINT avoid the lines at the collection and dry it solid and place in your regular trash. LATEX PAINT is not hazardous and can be disposed of normally once dried.

The program is for residents only; no material will be accepted from businesses, industry or institutions.

This is a regional program as the counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia are working together to make the program more convenient to the residents in southeastern Pennsylvania. As a result, the residents of Bucks County are welcome to take their household hazardous waste to one of the neighboring county collection events if that date or location is more convenient. Please verify the details of the Non-Bucks events. **All collections are held on Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise, rain or shine.**