The Town of Avon Announces Household Hazardous Waste Collections for 2020!

The Town of Avon, in conjunction with Canton, Farmington, Granby, and Simsbury will be holding three household hazardous waste collections in 2020! Each collection will run from 8:00am to 1:00pm and is open to all residents from Avon, Simsbury, Canton, Granby and Farmington.

There will be three collection dates in 2020:
- April 27, 2020 – Farmington High School, 10 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT - CANCELLED
- June 13, 2020 – Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Rd., Simsbury, CT
- October 17, 2020 – Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Rd., Simsbury, CT

COMMON HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION QUESTIONS

What items are acceptable?
- Fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Batteries - common household batteries including rechargeable batteries & car batteries
- Lawn Care Chemicals – fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
- Switches or Items Containing Mercury – thermometers, thermostats, motion detectors
- Household cleaners – acids, adhesives, aerosol cans, ammonia, drain cleaner, disinfectants, mothballs, etc.
- Chemicals from the garage or workshop - antifreeze, ant/bug spray or bait, brake fluid, old gasoline, oil based paint, lighter fluid, polyurethane, pool chemicals, road flares, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, wood stain, etc.

What items are not acceptable?
- Ammunition and/or Explosives (including gunpowder) - Call your local Police Department.
- Asbestos
- Business Waste – this collection is only for residential waste
- Cement
- Electronic Waste with Freon
- Empty Containers - A container is considered empty when no more than one inch or 3% (by weight) of material is left in the container; these can be disposed of in the regular trash.
- Fire Extinguishers
- Marine Flares – Pyrotechnic flares cannot be accepted at the Collection because they are categorized as explosives.
- Ice Melt – Ice melt is not hazardous and can be disposed of in the regular trash.
- Latex Driveway Sealer (Genite) – Driveway sealer is not hazardous; solidify then throw in the regular trash.
- Medicine/Drugs/Needles/Syringes
- Propane Tanks for Gas Grills
- Appliances
How can I get rid of latex and oil-based paint?
In 2013, a Connecticut Law required the paint and coating industry to develop a financially and environmentally sustainable solution to manage postconsumer architectural paint. Under the new program, the paint industry has made paint recycling more convenient by setting up drop off sites throughout the state where consumers can take their paint. For drop off locations and program information, please go to: http://www.paintcare.org/connecticut/index.php

Paint can also be brought to the Avon Transfer Station, at no charge to the resident, through the Connecticut PaintCare program during normal business hours. Tuesday and Friday 7:30am – 2:30pm and Saturday, 7:30am – 1:00pm. No permit is required; however, you must show proof of residency.