

Town of Granby Announces Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for 2016

The Town of Granby will be working with the towns of Avon, Farmington, Canton and Simsbury to provide household hazardous waste collections. The collections will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be open to residents from Avon, Canton, Farmington, Granby, and Simsbury.

There will be three (3) collection dates that Granby residents can attend:

- April 30, 2016 – Farmington High School, 10 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT
- June 18, 2016 – Simsbury Public Works, 66 Town Forest Road, Simsbury, CT
- November 5, 2016 - Simsbury Public Works, 66 Town Forest Road, Simsbury, CT

Granby residents can no longer participate in any of the MDC household hazardous waste collections.

Below are some frequently asked questions regarding the disposal of household hazardous waste. For more specific information, please contact Granby Public Works at 860-653-8960.

Common Household Hazardous Waste Questions

What items are acceptable to bring to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection?

- ❖ Fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs
- ❖ Batteries - common household batteries including rechargeable batteries (excluding car batteries)
- ❖ Lawn Care Chemicals – fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
- ❖ Switches/Items Containing Mercury – thermometers, thermostats, motion detectors
- ❖ Household cleaners – acids, adhesives, aerosol cans, ammonia, drain cleaner, disinfectants, moth balls, 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 Dept.
- ❖ Asbestos
- ❖ Business Waste – residential waste only
- ❖ Car Batteries
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Smoke Detectors
- ❖ Tires
- ❖ Used Oil & Oil Filters

How can I get rid of paint?

Architectural paint (latex and oil based house paint, primers, sealers, stains and clear coatings) are accepted at the Granby Transfer Station. Paint must be in its original, labeled container. Leaking, unlabeled or empty containers are not accepted. If the can is not labeled, open and dry out the contents (sand or cat litter will speed up the process). Once completely dried, place the can in your regular trash

*If your paint was made prior to 1992, it may contain mercury or lead and should be brought to a household hazardous waste collection. Please mark the container "Pre 1992 Paint – May contain lead or mercury".

What can I bring to a collection?

In general, products that are toxic, flammable, or corrosive, such as: chemicals, cleaners, batteries (not car batteries), CFLs, gasoline, insecticides, turpentine.

Can I go to any collection?

No, Granby residents may only go to one of the three town sponsored events.

How do I dispose of my Electronic Recycling items with Freon?

Freon items are accepted at the Granby Transfer Station. Open to residents only. A disposal fee of \$25 is charged.