

Town of Simsbury

Household Hazardous Waste Collections for 2024

The Town of Simsbury is happy to announce that we are working with the Towns of Farmington, Avon, Canton, Granby, and Suffield to provide Household Hazardous Waste Collections. These collections are for items that cannot go into the regular trash, keeping hazardous materials from being deposited into the landfill. The collections will run from **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** and will be open to all residents from Simsbury, Avon, Canton, Farmington, Granby, and Suffield. Please bring proof of residency with you to the collection event you attend.

There will be three (3) collection dates for 2024:

April 20, 2024 – at Farmington High School, 10 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT

June 8, 2024 – at Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Road, West Simsbury, CT

October 19, 2024 – at Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Road, West Simsbury, CT

Please remain in your vehicle at these collection events. You will be guided on where to go and how to dispose of the items you have brought by our event attendants.

Below are some frequently asked questions related to Household Hazardous Waste disposal. For more specific information, please contact Simsbury Public Works at 860-658-3222.

Acceptable items:

- Fluorescent and compact light bulbs
- Batteries – common household batteries, including rechargeable batteries and 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, moth balls, etc.
- Chemicals from the garage or workshop – antifreeze, ant/bug spray or bait, brake fluid, old gasoline, oil-based and latex paints, lighter fluid, polyurethane, pool chemicals, road flares, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, wood stain, etc.
- Household electronics – computers, monitors, keyboards, game consoles, microwaves, hair dryers, cameras, televisions, modems, DVD players, VCRs, etc.

In addition to collecting Household Hazardous Waste, residents will also be able to bring up to two (2) copy paper-sized boxes of papers to be shredded to the event.

Unacceptable items:

- Ammunition and/or explosives (including gunpowder) – contact the Police Department (860-658-3100) or Fire Marshal (860-658-1973) for information on how to appropriately dispose
- Asbestos – visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Asbestos-Program/Asbestos-Program/> for more information on asbestos abatement in Connecticut

- Business Waste – these collections are for residential waste only
- Cement
- 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 – check with the Fire Department for information on proper disposal
- Freon
- Marine Flares – pyrotechnic flares cannot be accepted at the Collection because they are categorized as explosives - contact the Police Department (860-658-3100) or Fire Marshal (860-658-1973) for information on how to appropriately dispose
- Ice melt – ice melt is not hazardous and can be disposed in the regular trash
- Latex Driveway Sealer (Jennite) – driveway sealer is not hazardous; solidify then throw in the regular trash
- Medicine/Drugs/Needles/Syringes – medications can be dropped off at the Police Department; needles and syringes can be sealed in rigid, puncture-resistant containers that you can't see through (i.e. bleach or detergent bottles, coffee cans, etc.), labeled clearly "Do Not Recycle," and then reinforced with heavy-duty tape before throwing them in your household trash
- Propane Tanks for gas grills – these are accepted at the Simsbury Landfill and Recycling Center, with the payment of a fee – must be empty first
- Appliances (i.e. refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, etc.) – these are accepted at the Simsbury Landfill and Recycling Center, with the payment of a fee
- Smoke detectors – check with the manufacturer to see if they accept them back for recycling; the Fire Department may also accept these
- Tires – these are accepted at the Simsbury Landfill and Recycling Center, with the payment of a fee
- Used Oil Filters – filters may be disposed of in the trash, but must be punctured and drained for 24 hours first – be sure to collect the oil that drains from the filter and place it in the same container as your used motor oil

How can I get rid of latex and oil-based paint?

Recycle your leftover paint through *PaintCare* – it's **FREE**

It is highly recommended that you utilize PaintCare to recycle any paint that you need to dispose of, as lines can be quite long for our household hazardous waste collections. Starting in 7/1/2013, a Connecticut Law required that the paint and coating industry develop a financially- and environmentally-sustainable solution to manage post-consumer architectural paint. Under the new program, the paint industry makes paint recycling more convenient by setting up drop-off sites throughout the state where consumers can take their paint. *PaintCare* will also conduct outreach and education about buying the right amount and using up remaining paint.

For drop off locations and more information, please visit:

<http://www.paintcare.org/connecticut/index.php>