

## **Town of Simsbury**

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collections for 2017**

The Town of Simsbury is happy to announce that we are working with the Towns of Farmington, Avon, Canton, and Granby to provide Household Hazardous Waste Collections. These collections are for items that cannot go into the regular trash and therefore keeps hazardous materials from going 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, Granby, and Farmington.

There will be three (3) collection dates for 2017:

- ✓ **April 29, 2017 – at Farmington High School, 10 Monteith Dr., Farmington, CT.**
- ✓ **June 17, 2017 – at Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Rd., Simsbury, CT.**
- ✓ **October 28, 2017 - at Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Rd., Simsbury, CT.**

Below are some frequently asked questions related to Household Hazardous Waste disposal. For more specific information, please contact Farmington Highway & Grounds at 860-675-2550 or Simsbury Public Works at 860-658-3222.

#### **Acceptable items:**

- Fluorescent and compact 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, 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.

#### **Unacceptable items:**

- Ammunition and/or explosives (including gunpowder)
- Asbestos
- Business Waste – (collection is 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
- Freon
- 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 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 Filters

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

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

Starting 7/1/13, a Connecticut Law requires 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 will make 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 program information, please go to:

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