

WHY

are we having a collection day?

Many household items contain hazardous substances that pose health and environmental risks. These substances can leach into the groundwater if poured down the drain, thrown in the trash, or dumped directly onto the ground. Improper disposal of certain household toxins can contaminate our well water, for unlike solids and bacteria, these chemicals cannot be removed by the Earth's natural filtering process. Almost all Weston homes are on private wells. Therefore, protecting the quality of our water resources is essential.

At our collection day, hazardous household products will be sorted by category, properly packed in drums by a licensed hauler, and disposed of by the method appropriate to the category – detoxification, incineration, recycling, or secure landfill. The hauling and disposal of these wastes are regulated by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Tips on Reducing Household Hazardous Waste

- Read labels on all products; reduce use of products whose labels contain these words: *Caus-tic, Combustible, Corrosive, Flammable, Oxidizer, Poison, Toxic, Caution, Danger, Warning.*
- Know what you are buying and decide if it is the best product for the job; some products contain smaller proportions of hazardous ingredients.
- If possible, substitute a natural or non-hazardous product or practice; for example, use biodegradable or low phosphate cleaners; or use rechargeable batteries instead of the disposable kinds.

WHAT

kinds of household materials will be collected?

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| Acids | moth balls |
| aerosols | oven cleaners |
| Ammonia cleaners | paint – oil base only |
| anti-freeze | paint removers |
| disinfectants | paint thinners |
| drain openers | pesticides |
| flea powder | photo chemicals |
| furniture polish | rust removers |
| gasoline | spot removers |
| herbicides | stains |
| household batteries | swimming pool chemicals |
| household cleaners | toilet bowl cleaners |
| insecticides | transmission fluid |
| kerosene | turpentine |
| Mercury thermometers | varnishes |

WHERE

**PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
78 OLD HYDE ROAD WESTON**

