

**ALTERNATIVES TO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE CHEMICALS**

general purpose cleaner	¼ cup borax, ¼ cup white vinegar, 2 gallons hot water. Stir to dissolve. Use mop or sponge to clean. Alternative products: Murphy’s Oil Soap or Citra-Solv.
scouring powder	1 cup baking soda mixed with ¼ cup borax. Dampen sponge and scoop up mixture. Rub on surface. Let “rest” then rinse well. Alternative product - Bon Ami.
Paint thinner	Let paint particles settle, then pour off clear liquid and reuse.
bug sprays/ insecticides	For gardens, use companion planting and Integrated Pest Management. Plant disease resistant seeds. Pour a line of cream of tartar, red chili pepper, paprika or dried peppermint where ants are entering the house.
insect repellent	Do not wear scented products outdoors. Burn citronella candles, punk, or incense. Alternative product - Bite Blocker.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF LATEX PAINT

Instead, you should dry it out and dispose of it with your regular trash (with the lids removed).

- ◆ If there isn’t much liquid paint left in the can, you can open it up, place in a safe location not accessible to children or pets and let it air dry.
- ◆ Add an absorbent, such as shredded newspaper or clay-based kitty litter into the can.
- ◆ Pour the paint into a paper box or bag and add an absorbent. Recycle the empty can.
- ◆ Add a paint hardener to the paint in the can.

Satellite Dates

Date	Time	Facility
June 13th	9-11:30 AM	Region 9 - Mexico
Aug. 8th	9-11:30 AM	Norway/Paris Solid Waste
Aug. 15th	9 - Noon	Livermore/Turner
Sept. 4th	9-1:00 PM	Kingfield Transfer Station
Sept. 5th	9 - Noon	Carrabassett Valley TS
Sept. 5th	9-11:30 AM	Rangeley Transfer Station
Sept. 12th	9 - Noon	Wilton Transfer Station
Sept. 12th	9-11:30 AM	Jay Transfer Station
Sept. 19th	9-11:30 AM	SAD #44 Bus Barn, Bethel
Oct. 24th	9 - Noon	Fryeburg Transfer Station

For more information, visit
www.avcog.org
or call 783-9186

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City of Lewiston

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**Household Hazardous
Waste (HHW) Facility**



424 River Road, Lewiston
Open 1st and 3rd Saturdays
May through November
8 a.m. to Noon
(excluding holiday weekends)

Bring your household hazardous waste to the Environmental Depot. Inside are details and instructions on how to dispose of this waste in an easy and environmentally friendly manner.

WESTERN MAINE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPOT

WHAT PRODUCTS SHOULD I BRING TO THE COLLECTION?

Look for the words: **Caution, Warning, Poison, Corrosive, Toxic, Volatile, Flammable or Danger** on the label.

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF IMPROPER DISPOSAL?

Household hazardous wastes are sometimes disposed of improperly by pouring wastes down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or putting them out with the trash. But household hazardous wastes have the potential to, impact

rivers and streams and can potentially contaminate wells, septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems, injure sanitation workers and present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

- ◆ Household hazardous waste from Auburn, Lewiston and surrounding towns may be brought to the collection at no cost.
- ◆ Residents from towns **not** participating must pay the contractor in cash or by check. (\$28.50 a unit - one unit equals up to 5 gallons of liquid waste or up to 20 pounds of dry waste or a combination.)
- ◆ Pack materials in original, secure containers; use boxes or plastic bags, when appropriate.
- ◆ Place materials in trunk or truck bed.
- ◆ Remain in your vehicle.

ITEMS ACCEPTED

KITCHEN

Aluminum Cleaners
Bug Sprays
Drain Cleaners
Floor Care Products
Furniture Polish
Metal Polish with Solvents
Oven Cleaners
Thermometers & Thermostats

WORKSHOP

Cutting Oil
Solvents & Solvent Based Glues
Oil Based Paint, Stain & Varnish
Paint – Auto and Marine
Paint Brush Cleaner Solvent
Paint Thinners & Strippers
Primers & Wood Preservatives

GARAGE

Auto Body Repair Products
Auto Transmission Fluid
Battery Acid
Brake Fluid
Car Wax with Solvents
Driveway Sealer
Engine Degreaser
Fire Extinguishers
Gasoline, Kerosene & Diesel Fuels
Metal Polish with Solvents
Roofing Tar
Waste Oil

GARDEN

Bug & Weed Killer
Chemical Fertilizer with Pesticides
Fungicide, Insecticide & Pesticides
Rat Poison

MISCELLANEOUS

Artist's Paint & Mediums
Chemistry Sets
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Fiberglass Epoxy
Flea Control Products
Formalin, Formaldehyde
Gas Cylinders (camping size)
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Hot Tub Chemicals
Lighter Fluid
Moth Balls
Photographic Chemicals
Rubber Cement
Rug, Upholstery & Spot Cleaners
Smoke Detector (**1 detector = 1 units**)
Swimming Pool Chemicals

NOT ACCEPTED

- ◆ *Alkaline Batteries - Throw in trash.*
- ◆ *Biological Waste*
- ◆ *Compressed Gas Cylinders*
- ◆ *Explosives/Ammunition*
- ◆ *Latex Paint - Use it up, give it away, or dry it up.*
- ◆ *Prescription Medicines*
- ◆ *Syringes*
- ◆ *Radioactive Wastes*

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