

2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Saturday April 22, 8AM-12PM, in Nashua

Thursday June 1, 3-7:00PM, in Nashua

Saturday Aug. 5, 8AM-12PM, in Nashua

Saturday Aug. 26, 8AM-12pm, in Pelham

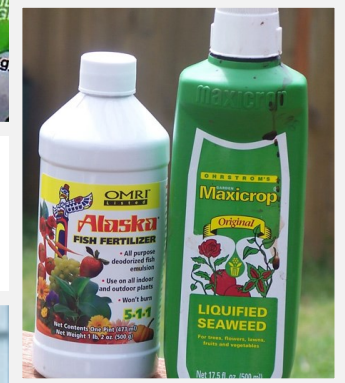
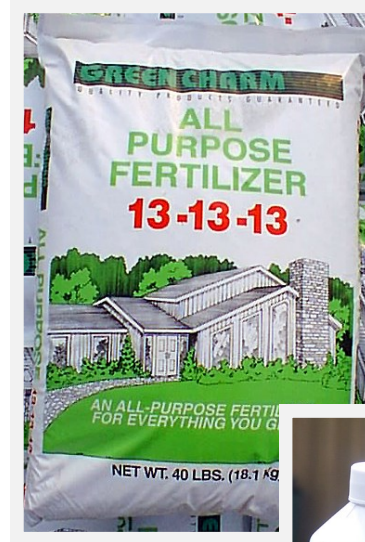
Saturday Oct. 7, 8AM-12PM, in Nashua

Saturday Nov. 4, 8AM-12PM, in Nashua



Fertilizers & Pesticides

A guide to environmentally sound purchasing, use, and disposal



LOCATIONS

Nashua City Park & Ride

25 Crown Street, Nashua
all dates EXCEPT August 26

Pelham Transfer Station

33 Newcomb Field Pkwy, Pelham
August 26 ONLY

PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES

Amherst | Brookline | Hollis | Hudson | Litchfield
Merrimack | Milford | Mont Vernon | Nashua
Pelham | Windham

Cost: \$15/vehicle

This covers up to 10 gallons or 20lbs of waste.
\$1/gallon for each additional gallon.
Cash or check payable to NRSWMD.
Carpooling is encouraged!



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Why Worry?

FACTS & FIGURES

- According to the US Fertilizer Institute, annual revenue for the fertilizer business is \$10 billion.
- The US is the second largest consumer and producer of fertilizer, behind China.
- The US agriculture industry uses roughly 800 million pounds of pesticides annually.
- Roughly 90% of US households use pesticides of some form, totaling roughly 70 million pounds of fertilizer.

IMPACTS

- When fertilizers enter lakes and ponds, aquatic plants grow much faster. As these plants die, the dissolved oxygen content of the water decreases, which suffocates and kills fish.
- The algae growing as a result of fertilizer contamination in water bodies can be toxic. Blue-green algae can cause rashes, nausea, and respiratory problems in humans and can kill livestock and pets that drink affected water.
- When pesticides are dumped in a drain, septic, or sewer, they contaminate the water supply, harming humans and wildlife.
- Each year, 110,000 pesticide poisonings are reported to poison control centers in the US and 23,000 people go to the emergency room as a result.



What is the Alternative?

FERTILIZER ALTERNATIVES

- *Test your soil regularly.* It's the only way to know what's already there. If you have sufficient amounts of nutrients then you don't need more.
- *Know the nutrient needs of your plants.* Providing more nutrients than a plant needs will not help it to grow and will likely be unused. Unused fertilizer can wash into lakes, rivers, and streams, and leach into ground water.
- *Pay attention to time.* Only apply fertilizer during periods when plants will use it.
- *Skip store bought fertilizer.* Use compost or plant debris instead. Placing dried leaves on top of garden plots in the fall creates great fertilizer by spring.



PESTICIDE ALTERNATIVES

- *Ants:* red chili powder at entry points
- *Fleas & Ticks:* scatter pine needles, fennel, rye, or rosemary on pet beds
- *Flies:* keep a well-watered pot of basil nearby
- *Insects on plants:* soapy water on leaves then rinse
- *Mosquito repellent:* citronella candles
- *Rodents:* humane live animal traps
- *Slug/snail/nematodes:* onion and marigold plants

What to Do

- *Use it up.* The best way to dispose of fertilizers and pesticides is to use them as they were intended. Avoid overuse by purchasing the smallest amount possible to complete your job.
- *Control erosion.* Be extra cautious when applying fertilizer and pesticides on slopes. Control runoff into streets and storm drains to prevent surface water contamination.
- *Store fertilizer and pesticide properly.* Keep these products under a roof and off the ground so they can't be washed away by the rain. Follow manufacturer's instructions for proper storage.
- *Contact the manufacturer.* Some companies offer programs to take back outdated products or empty containers.
- *Do not rinse empty pesticide containers or place them in with household recycling.* Instead, bring empty containers to a HHW collection.
- *Offer to share with a neighbor or friend.* If you have more than you need, ask if anyone else needs the same product.



ATTEND A HHW COLLECTION

If you do find yourself with products that you cannot use, bring them to a Household Hazardous Waste collection. See the reverse for a complete schedule. Accepted items include herbicides, fertilizers, insecticides, No-Pest strips, pesticides, and rodent killers.