

# What do I do with it?

## A guide for items not accepted at HHW collections

While our Household Hazardous Waste program accepts most corrosive, flammable, or toxic products, the following items are not accepted and should be handled as described below:

**Latex/Acrylic Paint:** Unusable latex/acrylic paint is not hazardous when dry. To quickly dry waste latex/acrylic paint, add an absorbent material such as kitty litter, newspaper, or sawdust. Home improvement stores sell products specifically designed to harden latex/acrylic paint. Once dried, latex/acrylic paint and cans may be taken to your local transfer station or landfill for disposal.

**Electronics:** Contact your local transfer station or landfill for information about how to recycle electronics in your municipality. Also, nonprofits often host e-waste collection events as fundraisers and Staples stores accept e-waste.

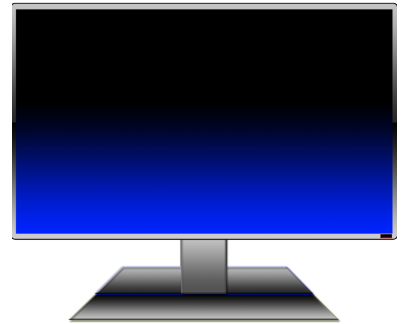
**Fire Extinguishers:** return free of charge to  
Impact Fire  
26 Hampshire Drive  
Hudson, NH  
phone: 603-293-7531

**Smoke Detectors:** ionizing smoke detectors contain radioactive material and must be returned to the manufacturer or a recycler. Visit [www.nashuarpc.org/hhw](http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw) for a list of addresses by manufacturer. Photoelectric smoke detectors do not contain radioactive material and should be handled as an electronic device.

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** most carbon monoxide detectors do not contain radioactive material and should be handled as an electronic device.

**Radioactive Compounds:** consult the manufacturer.

**Used Oil:** as long as the oil is not mixed with anything else, you can bring it to your local transfer station or a participating automotive store, such as Advanced Auto Parts, AutoZone, Pep Boys, or Monro. For a complete list of participating stores, visit [earth911.com](http://earth911.com).



**Auto Batteries:** the municipalities of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Litchfield, Merrimack, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham accept auto batteries from their residents at their transfer stations or landfills. Auto batteries can also be recycled at stores such as Advanced Auto Parts, AutoZone, Home Depot, Walmart, and Sam's Club.



**Propane Tanks:** the municipalities of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham accept propane tanks from their residents at their transfer stations or landfills. Check with your local municipality to see if there are any restrictions on the size of tanks that are accepted.

**Explosives & Shock Sensitive Materials:** call 911 immediately if you realize you have explosive chemicals in your home. Do not attempt to move or transport them. They can blow up from simply being handled.

**Medications:** do NOT flush medications! Many pharmacies provide drop boxes to dispose of unwanted prescription medications. Some local police stations may also host a drop box. The federal Drug Enforcement Administration also periodically sponsors medication collections.



**Sharps:** Needles, syringes, finger sticks, lacets, epi-pens, etc. may be brought to St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua (172 Kinsley St, 603-882-3000) or to Southern NH Medical Center in Nashua (8 Prospect St, 603-577-2000). If you do not own an official sharps container or sharps clippers, place sharps in a puncture-proof liquid laundry detergent bottle or fabric softener bottle. Containers must be taped shut and marked "used sharps."

**Wood or other materials covered in creosote:** contact your local landfill or transfer station.

**Asbestos:** contact your local landfill, transfer station, or NH Dept. of Environmental Services (603-271-1373). You may need to hire a licensed asbestos abatement company.



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For residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham  
call 603-417-6570, visit [www.nashuarpc.org/hhw](http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw) or scan code:

