

Items To Bring

Aerosol cans - containing chemicals. (if empty, separate plastic cap from metal can and place in curbside recycling bin).

Asbestos - small items such as brake pads, ironing board covers and asbestos paper. Material must be double-bagged & labeled. All other materials must be approved in writing in advance of the collection event by the Board of Health.

Automotive batteries

Automotive products - oil, brake fluid, car wax, gasoline, antifreeze, engine degreaser.

Batteries - lead acid, button cell, nickel-cadmium and lithium.

Fluorescent light bulbs - tubes and energy saving compacts. Transport in box or case. DO NOT tape together.

Glues and adhesives

Hobby chemicals - chemistry sets, solvent based glue, photo chemicals.

Mercury and mercury containing products - thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs.

Paint - oil-based only.

Pesticides - including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, fertilizer with pesticides, snail/slug/rat poison.

Pool chemicals

Propane tanks

Thinners and solvents - turpentine, paint stripper, paint thinner, degreaser.

Items NOT To Bring

Appliances, TVs or Computer Equipment - contact Allied Waste at 1-800-442-9006 to schedule curbside pickup.

Batteries - Alkaline household type (A, AAA, C, D, etc.) can be thrown in household trash.

Biological or Infectious Waste

Construction materials - asbestos siding, shingles, transite board, floor tiles.

Driveway Sealer - latex based.

Empty paint cans or aerosol cans

Explosives or Flares

Fire Extinguishers

Latex Paint - pour paint in a cardboard box lined with newspaper or mix with kitty litter to promote hardening. Once paint in can or box is dry, place in regular trash.

Medical Sharps (needles, syringes and lancets)

Medications (unused or expired) - take out of containers, mix with coffee grounds, place in sealable container and put in trash.

Oversized amounts -no drums or truck loads.

Pathological wastes and medical devices (non-sharps)

Radioactive materials

Tires - contact Allied Waste at 1-800-442-9006 to schedule curbside pickup.

Alternate Disposal Options

If you cannot attend the Burlington Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, the Minuteman Household Hazardous Products Facility in Lexington will accept hazardous waste on specified days for a fee. For information, visit their website -

<http://ci.lexington.ma.us/DPW/hhhwfacility.cfm>

Transporting Waste

It is important to remember that proper handling and transportation of hazardous waste can reduce the chance of accidental spills. For your safety and the safety of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Personnel, please adhere to the following protocols:

Do not mix products/chemicals together and keep them in original containers with labels intact, if possible.

Label products not in original containers.

Place materials in containers or plastic over wrap that does not obscure labels.

Leaking or broken containers must be repackaged prior to transport. Make sure all lids, caps and covers are tight.

Transport containers in a sturdy cardboard box. Pack so material and containers do not contact or tip into each other.

Store products away from the passenger compartment of your vehicle and keep them separate from items you wish to keep.

Do not smoke at the collection site.

Do not leave your vehicle during unloading of the materials, unless directed to do so.

In order to speed the collection process and serve as many residents as possible, containers cannot be returned.

If you have any questions on which materials are appropriate to bring to this event, please contact the Board of Health at 781-270-1955 or visit our website at www.burlington.org/boh

Frequently Asked Questions

How should I dispose of appliances and computer equipment? Household appliances (stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers), computer equipment (CPU, monitors, keyboards), air conditioners and televisions will be picked up curbside by Allied Waste. Call Allied Waste at 1-800-442-9006 to schedule curbside pickup

What if I can't identify a material? Keep materials in original containers when possible. Look for the words Poison, Danger, Warning or Caution on the packaging label. A hazardous product has at least one of the following properties: toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive. A chemist at the event will help with difficult identifications.

Will any material be refused? Yes. We reserve the right to refuse any material which is not deemed acceptable by the managing site chemist.

Is there a charge? Not unless you have an unusually large amount of materials to be disposed. Contact the Board of Health at 781-270-1955 for information.

Should I bring smoke detectors? The radioactive source in smoke detectors is so small that it can be thrown away in your household trash. Recycle the battery at this collection event if it is non-alkaline.

For information on curbside recycling of plastic, glass, aluminum and newspaper please contact the DPW at 781-270-1670.