



BVRV volunteers Bill Hitchcock and Tim McCoy collect propane tanks for recycling.



# Town of Burlington Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day



## Frequently Asked Questions

**How should I dispose of appliances & computer equipment?** Household appliances, computer equipment, air conditioners and televisions will be picked up curbside by Allied Waste. Call Allied Waste at 800-442-9006 to schedule a pick up before placing appliances curbside.

**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 deemed unacceptable by the managing site chemist. **Medical sharps and unwanted medications will not be collected at this event.**

**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.

## Alternate Disposal Options

If you cannot attend the Burlington Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, the Minuteman Hazardous Products Regional Facility in Lexington will accept hazardous waste on specified days **for a fee**. For information and pricing, visit:

[www.lexingtonma.gov/DPW/hhhwfacility.cfm](http://www.lexingtonma.gov/DPW/hhhwfacility.cfm)

**Mercury** containing materials such as thermostats, thermometers, batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs can be brought to the Board of Health office at 61 Center Street, Burlington, MA during regular office hours.

## Curbside Recycling

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

## Questions?

Contact the Board of Health at 781-270-1955 or visit our website at [www.burlington.org](http://www.burlington.org)  
Departments A-M, Health

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

**8:30 A.M. to Noon**

**Francis Wyman  
Elementary School**

**41 Terrace Hall Avenue**

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To help protect public health and the environment, the Burlington Board of Health is sponsoring this collection event through the approval and funding of Town Meeting. You must be a Burlington resident to participate. Proof of residency will be required.

## Items To Bring

- **Full Aerosol Cans**  
(Empty cans can be placed in curbside recycling bin.)
- **Automotive Products**  
Oil, brake fluid, car wax, gasoline, anti-freeze, engine degreaser, tire cleaners
- **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**  
Rubber cement, airplane glue
- **Mercury and Mercury Containing Products**  
Switches, thermostats, thermometers
- **Oil Based Paint.**
- **Lawn & Garden Materials**  
Includes herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, fertilizer with pesticides, snail/slug/rat poison, pool chemicals
- **Kitchen Materials**  
Drain cleaners, lighter fluids, oven cleaners
- **Propane Tanks**
- **Thinners and Solvents**  
Turpentine, paint stripper, paint thinner, degreaser

## Items NOT To Bring

- **LATEX PAINT**  
Dry out or mix with kitty litter to promote hardening. Once dry, place in regular trash.
- **Medical Sharps**  
Home medical sharps can be disposed of using the kiosk in the lobby of the Main Fire Department at 21 Center Street. Call the Board of Health at 781-270-1955 for more information.
- **Expired/Unwanted Prescription and OTC Medications**  
Bring these items to Burlington Police Department, Safe & Secure Dropoff at 45 Center Street, Main Lobby.
- **Appliances, TVs or Computer Equipment**  
Contact Republic Services at 800-442-9006.
- **Alkaline Batteries**  
Household type (AA, AAA, C, D, etc.) can be thrown in household trash.
- **Biological or Infectious Waste**
- **Construction Materials**  
Asbestos materials, siding, shingles, floor tiles, etc.
- **Explosives or Flares**
- **Oversized Amounts**  
No drums or truck loads.
- **Radioactive Materials**
- **Tires**  
Contact Republic Services at 800-442-9006 to schedule curbside pickup.



Vehicles line up for disposal options  
(shown Dr. Ed Weiner, Vice Chairman BOH).

## Transporting Waste

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:

- Do not mix products/chemicals together.
- Label products that are not in the 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 separate from other items.
- Do not smoke at the collection site.

**PLEASE STAY INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE AT THE COLLECTION SITE**