



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## COLLECTION EVENT REGISTRATION & OVERVIEW

LEARN NEW 2022 EVENT INFORMATION, GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES  
*for household hazardous waste collection events.*

AVAILABLE TO NORTHAMPTON COUNTY RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS ONLY!  
*no businesses, contractors, organizations, non-profits, municipalities or institutions.*

# 2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

## — EVENT INFORMATION —

**DETAILS:** Saturday, **October 1, 2022**. *Rain or shine.* 8:30am-2pm. *Time slots are in 15 minute increments, on a first come, first served basis.*  
**Northampton Community College**, 3835 Green Pond Rd., Bethlehem 18020. See [map](#) of Northampton Community College.

**REGISTRATION:** OPENS: **September 1, 2022**. CLOSES: When event is full or 48 hours before event date. An *Eventbrite user account is needed to register.* Information on creating an account and troubleshooting tips can be found [here](#). *Eventbrite will send a confirmation email after successfully registering.*

LINK: Visit [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) for a direct link to register. *Link will be available starting September 1, 2022.*

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:** The event is free to residential households in Northampton County. Pre-registration is required. Showing up without an appointment or not at your designated time will result in being turned away.

Businesses, Contractors, Municipalities, Non-Profits, Organizations, Schools, Out-of-County households will be turned away.

**LIMIT:** 20 gallons and 60 pounds of solid material per household. No 25- or 50- gallon drums accepted.

## — NEW REQUIREMENTS —

*Event will be monitored to ensure compliance.*



**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** Registration through Eventbrite opens **September 1, 2022**. Time slots are limited, registration will close once event reaches capacity. Showing up to the event without registering or not at your appointment time will result in being turned away.



**YOU MUST REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE, MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED.** This is a “no-contact event”.



**ALL MATERIAL MUST BE ACCESSIBLE FROM THE TRUNK, CARGO AREA OR THE BED OF YOUR VEHICLE.** Event staff will remove all items. To avoid confusion, leave items at home that are not for the event. Do not exit your vehicle.



**WHAT TO BRING:** *Limit of 20 gallons and 60 pounds of solid material per household.*

**AUTOMOTIVE:** Antifreeze, Auto Fluids, Fuels/Fuel Additive, Gasoline, Gas/Oil Mixtures, Oils, Solvents

**WORKSHOP & GARAGE:** Lacquers, Oil-Based Paints, Removers, Shellacs, Solvents, Stains, Strippers, Thinners, Turpentine, Varnishes

**HOME & HOBBY:** Acids, Adhesives, Aerosols (Partial/Full), Ballasts, Batteries (Non-Alkaline), Caustics, Caulking, CFLs & Fluorescent Tubes, Cleaners, Compounds, Degreaser, Drain Openers, Fire Extinguishers, Flammables, Kerosene, Mothballs, Oxidizers, Polishes, Reactives, Thermometers, Thermostats

**OUTDOOR & GARDEN:** Driveway Sealer, Fertilizer, Fungicide, Herbicide, Insecticide, Pesticides, Propane Tanks (20lb. Limit), Pool Chemicals, Weed Killers



**RESTRICTED ITEMS** (NOT accepted):

Alkaline Batteries, Ammunition, Appliances, Construction Materials, Electronics, Empty Containers, Explosives, Fireworks, Flares, Gas Cylinders, Helium Tanks, Incandescent *and* LED Light Bulbs, Latex Paint/Water-based Products, Medical Wastes, SHARPS, Prescription Drugs, Non-residential Hazardous Waste, Radioactive Waste, Refrigerants, Freon Appliances, Scrap Metal, Smoke Detectors/Carbon Monoxide Detectors, Tires, Unidentified Wastes.

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## — COLLECTION EVENT PROCEDURES —

**BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME.** Double check the waste items you plan to bring with the list of [accepted and restricted materials](#).

- Leave items at home that are not for the event. Place your waste/items in your trunk, cargo-area, truck bed or hatchback.



**EVENT INSTRUCTIONS.** HAVE TICKET CONFIRMATION READY AT CHECK-IN

- You may arrive any time **within** your registered appointment window. Refer to your confirmation email for your registered appointment time.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle with your windows up and unlock the trunk or rear gate for event staff to access boxed materials for removal.



**TIPS FOR SAFE TRANSPORTATION.** Keep chemicals in their original container. Never mix products. If you can't read the label mark "unknown".

- Make certain all containers are tightly sealed to avoid spillage. Pack newspaper around any leaking containers.
- There will be no pour offs. Be prepared to drop off and leave behind any container with liquid (such as gas cans).  
If it is necessary to have your containers returned, write "RETURN" on a note and attach it to the container. You will be directed to pull out of line and will need to wait until the container is emptied and can be given to you.
- Transport chemicals in a cardboard box. NO plastic tubs. The time spent emptying plastic tubs for return slows down the collection line.

**YOU MAY EXPERIENCE A WAITING PERIOD.** These events are highly attended! Staff works hard to keep the line of cars moving safely and steadily, which is why you must schedule your appointment time. Due to uncontrollable factors such as the fluctuation of material quantities in each vehicle, or participants arriving outside of their scheduled appointment time, you may experience a waiting period of 5-20 minutes. Please arrive at your approximate scheduled appointment time. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

**ARRIVE WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME OF YOUR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT TIME.** (15 minute slot times)

If you do not remember your time slot, refer to the confirmation email you received from Eventbrite. You will be turned away if you arrive when you are not scheduled or if you did not register for the event. You will **not** be able to schedule the day of the event.

**ENTER THE MAIN CAMPUS ENTRANCE FROM GREEN POND ROAD ONLY.** The line forms from the Main Entrance, coming in from any other direction will result in having to turn around and driving around to the back of the line.

**MASKS & CONTACT-LESS DROP-OFF:** for safety of event staff you are encouraged to wear a mask. Remain in your vehicle and unlock the trunk or rear gate for event staff to access boxed materials for removal.

**DIRECTIONAL SIGNS & VOLUNTEERS** will be on site to help navigate to the drop off area where materials will be removed by event staff.

After event staff has removed your materials you will be directed to exit onto Oakland Road.



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## — FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS —

**DOES NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HAVE A FACILITY WHERE I CAN TAKE MY HHW FOR DISPOSAL?** No, There is no dedicated drop-off facility in Northampton County that accepts household hazardous waste. The County contracts with a professional household hazardous waste collection contractor to hold one-day events.

**DO I REALLY NEED TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS OR CAN I JUST SHOW UP?** You must pre-register for a household hazardous waste collection event. If you just show up without doing so you will be turned away. A condition of the event permit is pre-registration for all attendees and a limit of no more than 250 participants on site at any given time.

**WHEN CAN I REGISTER FOR THE HHW EVENT?** Registration will open thirty days prior to the event date on September 1, 2022.

**HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE HHW EVENT?** When an event has been scheduled, an event graphic will appear on the County's website homepage at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org). You can click on the picture and you will be directed to the County's household hazardous waste webpage with information regarding the event and when the pre-registration will open through Event Brite. Once pre-registration opens, a link will be available on the household hazardous waste webpage. You will be able to sign-up from there. Instructions and troubleshooting steps will be available to assist first-time users.

You will also be able to select an available appointment time to drop off your unwanted materials. This is mandatory and enables us to keep the traffic moving and eliminates long lines of traffic, the source of much frustration for our residents. We ask that you stick to your selected appointment times and not show up early or late.

**WHAT DO I DO IF I AM HAVING DIFFICULTY REGISTERING?** Refer to Eventbrite troubleshooting support topics found [here](#).

**I DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER OR EMAIL ADDRESS, HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT?** Online registration with a valid email address is required to participate. Please reach out to a friend, neighbor or family member to assist you.

**WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE THE EVENT?** If you are unable to attend an event, please check our *A-Z Recycling and Disposal Guide* or disposal location lists found on the County's website for alternate disposal options that may or may not be available for your particular items. If you have large quantities of hazardous waste, you must contact a hazardous waste removal company.

**IF I DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT HHW EVENT TO TAKE PLACE, WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?** If you don't want to wait for the next HHW event, or can't wait, please visit [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) for a short list of HHW contractors who can take those items away in a moderately short timeframe. Please consider that the expense of that service will come directly out of your pocket. Another option is to use up what you have, or offer it to someone else who will use that product up for its intended purpose. As a last resort, you may legally dispose of them in your household trash provided that:

- You have looked at the label for any disposal instructions and complied with them
- Liquids have been allowed to evaporate or have been absorbed by a material such as vermiculite, cat litter, sawdust, etc.
- The material has been carefully packaged (i.e. double bagged) to prevent leakage.
- Large quantities are intermingled with your other household trash in small batches over several collection days.



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## — FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *AND* ANSWERS (cont'd) —

**WHAT MATERIALS DO YOU ACCEPT, AND HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?** Click [here](#) to view a complete list of accepted materials. There is NO CHARGE to residents in thanks to program funding provided by Waste Management, Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture and Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection.

**CAN I LEAVE MY HHW BEHIND IF NO ONE IS THERE?** Absolutely not! Leaving HHW after the event has ended is considered illegal dumping. High resolution security cameras have been installed in multiple locations around the campus, illegal dumpers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

**WHAT HAPPENS TO MY HHW AFTER I DROP IT OFF?** A licensed hazardous waste company will be on site to receive, sort, package, load and transport all collected HHW off site to an approved disposal facility. Treatment methods include fuels blending, recycling, incineration, neutralization, and reuse.

**WHY ARE THESE EVENTS OFFERED, AND WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?** Improper disposal of HHW materials can pose health and safety risks to people and property involved. In addition, improper disposal can create significant environmental hazards when HHW materials are outdoors, in waterways, or in storm sewer drainage systems.

**WHAT IF IT RAINS, IS THE EVENT CANCELLED?** Collection events are rain or shine. The event would only cancel if there were dangerous conditions such as wind or hurricane.

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE GET THERE?** There may be a line of cars waiting, the line generally moves quickly. There will be volunteers checking in attendees to verify time slot appointments. Stay in your car for your safety and everyone else's. Once you get up to the drop off area, again, stay in your car, you will be greeted by the staff, you can tell them what you have and where it is. They will empty your car and you will be on your way. Only accepted materials and quantities will be taken, anything else will be left in your vehicle. Remember to remove or leave items at home not intended for the event.

**CAN I GET MY GAS CAN BACK?** Please do not bring containers you want back. We can accommodate a request to get a gas can back, but you will have to pull out of line and wait until the gasoline can be poured off and the container can be brought to you. You will need to write "Return" on paper and attach to the gas container.

**CAN I BRING BROKEN FLUORESCENT BULBS?** Fluorescent tubes and CFLs are accepted, however they must be intact and not broken.

**HOW DO I GET RID OF MY ELECTRONICS?** Please visit [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) for e-waste disposal options.

**DO YOU ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES?** No, alkaline batteries (like AA, C, D etc.) can go in household trash they are not hazardous and are an unnecessary cost to collect and later dispose of. We do take lithium batteries, car batteries, rechargeable batteries and button cell batteries which shouldn't not be thrown away or recycled curbside due to their explosive nature.

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## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

### FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES BELOW WILL RESULT IN REFUSAL OF SERVICE.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY EVENTS ARE FOLLOWING STATE GUIDELINES, REQUIREMENTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESTRICTIONS. Events may be cancelled based on the status of the pandemic as per State Permit requirements.

Please do not attend this event if you have any COVID-19 related symptoms, been asked to quarantine, or have recently traveled internationally. We ask that attendees wear a face covering and keep vehicle windows up, if possible.

You MUST be a resident of Northampton County and provide proof of residency at event check-in. Only one appointment/per household/per year.

Businesses, Contractors, Municipalities, Non-Profits, Organizations, Institutions and Out-of-County households WILL BE TURNED AWAY.

Residents MUST PRE-REGISTER in order to participate. On September 1, 2022 you can register for a specific time in which to bring your materials to the HHW Collection Event. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY.

YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE EVENT unless you display the ticket on your dashboard showing you have pre-registered *or* have your confirmation email viewable from your smart phone. Proof of registration and residency are necessary to proceed to drop-off.

You may arrive any time WITHIN YOUR REGISTERED APPOINTMENT WINDOW.

Quick drop-offs are not accepted and will be treated as illegal dumps.

Event participants must STAY IN THEIR VEHICLE at all times. HHW materials MUST be placed in the trunk, cargo area or bed (not the back seat) of your vehicle prior to arrival. EVENT STAFF WILL UNLOAD materials while residents remain in their vehicles.

You may bring accepted materials in an amount not to exceed 20 gallons and 60 lbs. of solid material per registered household. Additional quantities will be sent back with you. 25- or 50- gallon drums will not be accepted.

To minimize exchange of materials between event participants and staff, PLEASE TRANSPORT MATERIALS IN CONTAINERS YOU WILL NOT WANT RETURNED TO YOU.

If you cannot attend the event, please CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT THROUGH EVENTBRITE as soon as possible, others may be waiting for an opening.

When event staff has removed your materials you will be directed to EXIT ONTO OAKLAND ROAD.