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Spring Cleaning? Dispose of Old Paint, Cleaners & Pesticides Responsibly

Cumberland County Sets Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Dates for Residents and Businesses: 55 Cents Per Pound Fee

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County is hosting four Household Hazardous Waste Disposal events this year, available to county residents and small businesses. All participants must pre-register [online](#) for a specific time and date. Participants will drop off household hazardous waste at the county recycling center, at 1001 Claremont Road, Carlisle.

Program dates:

- Thursday, April 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, August 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, October 26, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pre-registering for a specific date and time is required to allow for reduced congestion at the recycling center and improved traffic flow. Appointments can be made in 15-minute intervals, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

All acceptable waste will be weighed as is, and customers will be charged 55 cents per pound for disposal. The 5 cent per pound increase from last year was implemented due to increased disposal costs. Cash is preferred; customers will incur a convenience fee for the use of credit and debit cards.

The program costs the county about \$1.20 per pound to operate. State funds offset some of the cost enabling the county to keep the fee lower for participants.

Acceptable household hazardous waste includes:

- Adhesives, glues, epoxies, caulking and sealants
- Antifreeze and car care products
- Automotive batteries
- Driveway sealers
- Drain cleaners, degreasers, and oven cleaners
- Fire extinguishers

- Fluorescent light tubes and bulbs
- Gasoline, diesel fuel and kerosene
- Hydrochloric, sulfuric, and other acids
- Latex (water-based) paint and paint-related products
- Lubricating sprays
- Mercury and mercury-containing devices
- Motor oil
- Oil-based paints, stains, varnishes, and sealers
- Oil-based paint cleaners, thinners, and removers
- Pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizers
- Pool chemicals
- Propane cylinders (up to 20 pounds)

The maximum accepted container size is five gallons.

The program is open only to Cumberland County residents and small businesses. As part of pre-registration, businesses also must complete a [Small Business Registration Form](#). Businesses are limited to 2,200 pounds of waste.

Last year, the county collected nearly 120,000 pounds of household hazardous waste from 1,156 residents and businesses. Since its inception in 1998, the program has safely disposed of 2.3 million pounds of waste.

Appointments can be made [online](#) or by calling the county's recycling and waste department at 717.240.6489 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

This year's program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Departments of Environmental Protection and Agriculture. More information is available on the [recycling and waste department website](#) or by calling 717.240.6489.

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