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Spring Cleaning? Dispose of Old Paint, Batteries & 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 drop off time and date at the county recycling center, 1001 Claremont Road, Carlisle.

Program dates:

- Thursday, April 11, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, August 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, October 24, 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. Cash is preferred; customers will incur a convenience fee for the use of credit and debit cards.

The program costs the county about \$1.10 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, rechargeable, and lithium 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.

The county reminds residents that rechargeable batteries should not be thrown in the trash or recycling bins as they can become a fire hazard. These batteries should be disposed of at our Household Hazardous Waste Disposal events or at [local recycling drop-off locations](#).

Last year, the county collected nearly 132,000 pounds of household hazardous waste from 1,361 residents and businesses. Since its inception in 1998, the program has safely disposed of 2.4 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 Keep Cumberland County Beautiful, and 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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