

## **Town of Canton Announces Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for Spring 2016**

The Town of Canton, in conjunction with Avon, Farmington, Granby, and Simsbury will be holding a household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Farmington High School at 10 Monteith Drive, Farmington CT. The collection will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be open to all residents from Avon, Canton, Farmington, Granby, and Simsbury.

Avon, Canton, Granby, Simsbury in 2013 and Farmington in 2016 opted out of the MDC's collection program and once again will hold separate household hazardous waste collections for residents of the five participating Towns. A Summer and Fall collection date is anticipated and will be announced in the Spring.

As Canton is no longer participating with the MDC collection, **Canton residents can no longer bring their household waste to any of the MDC household hazardous waste collections.**

Below are some frequently asked questions related to household hazardous waste disposal. For more specific information, please check the Public Works web site at <http://www.townofcantonct.org/> or contact the Canton Public Works Department at 860-693-7863.

### **New Items Included For Spring 2016**

- ❖ Document Shredding - Shred Event at Farmington Main Library Parking Lot - (please limit to 3 boxes; no commercial)
- ❖ Electronics Recycling - Drop-off at Farmington Town Hall Parking Lot (e-Waste with freon will not be accepted)
- ❖ Used Motor Oil collection

### **Common Household Hazardous Waste Questions**

#### **What items are acceptable to bring to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection?**

- ❖ Fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs
- ❖ Batteries - common household batteries including rechargeable batteries (excluding car batteries)
- ❖ Lawn Care Chemicals – fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
- ❖ Switches or Items Containing Mercury – thermometers, thermostats, motion detectors
- ❖ Household cleaners – acids, adhesives, aerosol cans, ammonia, drain cleaner, disinfectants, moth balls, etc.
- ❖ Chemicals from the garage or workshop - antifreeze, ant/bug spray or bait, brake fluid, old gasoline, oil based paint, lighter fluid, polyurethane, pool chemicals, road flares, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, wood stain, etc.

**What items are not acceptable?**

- ❖ Ammunition and/or Explosives (including gunpowder) - Call your local Police Department.
- ❖ Asbestos
- ❖ Business Waste – this collection is only for residential waste
- ❖ Car Batteries
- ❖ Cement
- ❖ Electronic Waste with freon
- ❖ Empty Containers - A container is considered empty when no more than one inch or 3% (by weight) of material is left in the container, these can be disposed of in the regular trash.
- ❖ Fire Extinguishers
- ❖ Marine Flares – Pyrotechnic flares cannot be accepted at the Collection because they are categorized as explosives.
- ❖ Ice Melt – Ice melt is not hazardous and can be disposed of in the regular trash.
- ❖ Latex Driveway Sealer (Genite) – Driveway sealer is not hazardous; solidify then throw in the regular trash.
- ❖ Medicine/Drugs/Needles/Syringes
- ❖ Propane Tanks for Gas Grills
- ❖ Appliances
- ❖ Smoke Detectors
- ❖ Tires
- ❖ Used Oil & Oil Filters

**How can I get rid of latex paint?**

You can either bring your paint to the household hazardous waste collection or because latex paint is non-hazardous, you can dry the latex paint and put it in your regular trash. Mixing sand or kitty litter into the paint will accelerate the drying process. Once the paint is dry you can throw the can, with the lid off, into your regular trash.

\*If your paint was made prior to 1992, it may contain mercury or lead and should be brought to a household hazardous waste collection. Please mark the container “Pre 1992 Paint – May contain lead or mercury”.

**What can I bring to a collection?**

In general, products that are toxic, flammable, or corrosive, such as: chemicals, cleaners, batteries (not car batteries), CFLs, gasoline, insecticides, oil paint, wood stain, turpentine.

**Can I go to any collection?**

No, this year residents of Canton can only participate in the collection being held in Farmington on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Farmington High School at 10 Monteith Drive, Farmington CT.

A Summer and Fall collection date is anticipated and will be announced in the Spring.

**How do I dispose of unwanted medications?**

Unwanted medications can be disposed of in the lobby of the Canton Police Station at 45 River Road.

**How do I dispose of my Electronic Recycling items with Freon?**

Canton's Transfer Station, located at Ramp Road will accept air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and refrigerator/freezers during their normal operating hours (Tuesday and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sept. 16 to April 14 and 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. April 15 to Sept 15) Open to residents only, no fee or permit is required.