2014
Hazardous Waste &
Unwanted Medicine Collection

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, and host towns will provide **FREE** household hazardous waste collections for residents of participating towns (see reverse side).

If you are a household NOT from a participating town, you are welcome to come, but you must pay a fee of $40 for 10 gallons depending on type and quantity of materials ($15 for one gallon of medicine including containers).

### Dates & Locations:

**Saturday, May 17, 2014**
Lebanon Solid Waste Facility, 370 Plainfield Road
(Rt 12A south of Home Depot)

**Saturday, June 21, 2014**
New London Highway Garage
184 South Pleasant

**Saturday, August 16, 2014**
Washington Highway Garage
961 South Main Street

**Saturday, September 20, 2014**
Lebanon Solid Waste Facility, 370 Plainfield Road
(Rt 12A south of Home Depot)

### Time:
9:00 a.m. – noon
Ask to swap your mercury thermometer for a digital at any collection

**Unwanted Medicines** will be accepted at the Hazardous Waste Collections from residents as shown on the reverse side of this sheet.

Bring your unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications (including veterinary medicine) as follows:
- Medicines in their original containers
- Leave labels on medicine
- Black out patient’s name only
- Do NOT bring sharps or needles (EpiPens OK)

**DO NOT FLUSH OR POUR MEDICINE DOWN THE DRAIN!**
It goes into our drinking water! If there are no collections, it is better to put unwanted medicine with your trash.

See [www.nh.gov/medsafety](http://www.nh.gov/medsafety) for great information.

Thanks to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Pharmacy for making this collection possible.

### Businesses & Institutions:
Small businesses, schools, churches…must register at least two weeks in advance of the collection and pay disposal costs or make arrangements with sponsoring town. Call Vickie Davis at the Regional Planning Commission at (603) 448-1680.

For information, call:
UVLSRPC at (603) 448-1680
Monday – Thursday, 8:30 - 4:00

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE...** [http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org](http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org)

The website provides HHW collection schedules including links for all collections in New Hampshire and Vermont, information on what to do with common household wastes, recipes for alternative cleaning products, and more information on Committee activities. Volunteers always wanted!
Residents from Non-Participating Towns are welcome to participate, but they must pay a fee of $50 per 10 gallons or more dependent on type and quantity of materials; and a fee of $15 per gallon for unwanted medicines including containers.

**WHAT TO BRING:**
Look on the product labels for words like “caution,” “warning,” “danger,” “poisonous,” or “keep away from children or pets.” Examples of hazardous products to bring to a collection are as follows:

- Button batteries
- Rechargeable batteries
- Ni-cad batteries
- Smoke Detectors with radioactive symbol
- Oil-based paint (not latex)
- Solvents
- Varnishes
- Stains
- Paint removers
- Household cleaners
- Polishes
- Photo chemicals
- Hobby chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Pesticides & herbicides
- Flea powder
- Antifreeze
- Dirty gasoline
- Adhesives
- Driveway sealer
- Mercury-containing devices such as thermostats and thermometers
- Kerosene
- And much more...

**WHAT NOT TO BRING AND WHAT TO DO WITH IT:**
- **Alkaline batteries** for flashlights and other household items are not considered hazardous and can be thrown in the trash. This includes most non-rechargeable batteries such as AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt batteries. If in doubt, just bring them to the collection.
- **Ammunition and explosives, fire extinguishers** - Contact your local police or fire departments.
- **Asbestos** must be handled by a specialist. Contact NH DES at 271-1370 for disposal info. Ask if there’s a hauler working in your area who might take your asbestos.
- **Automotive batteries** can be exchanged, given, or sold to local garages and auto parts stores.
- **Empty aerosol cans** can be recycled with scrap metal. Talk to your town first.
- **Fluorescent lights** may be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops in the Upper Valley and Home Depot take CFLs (spiral bulbs), but not the tubes.
- **Latex paint** is not considered hazardous. Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint and then throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says clean up with soap and water, it’s probably latex.
- **Medical sharps** must be placed inside a rigid, puncture-resistant container such as a detergent bottle with cap, seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, “Sharps, not for recycling.” Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector. EpiPens may be brought to unwanted medicine collections. See www.nh.gov/medsafety.
- **Propane or helium tanks** can be exchanged or refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station. Helium is a precious gas and should be returned to the party store if any gas is left.
- **Spray insulation tanks** should be returned to retailer if possible as they cost several hundred dollars each for disposal if still containing any chemicals.
- **Used motor oil** is collected at many town facilities or local garages on a regular basis.