

ANNUAL REPORT 2000

During 2000, the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee provided volunteer support to the household hazardous waste collections organized and administered by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC). Approximately 1,100 Upper Valley households brought hazardous waste to the collections, together with a small number of local businesses. This year, the Committee partially funded mercury thermometer swaps which were held in conjunction with the collections, where many Upper Valley residents exchanged their old mercury thermometers for a free digital thermometer. The collections have continued to be successful and six are tentatively scheduled for the spring thru fall of 2001.

The Committee continues to provide Upper Valley communities with an invaluable source of educational information. During 2000, the Committee hosted a booth at the Upper Valley Home Show, where information regarding household hazardous waste collections, alternative products, and educational information in general were well received and appreciated. The Committee also provides educational materials to schools both on loan and for their permanent use, including model curriculum, the hazardous waste wheel, flyers and other hazardous waste information.

The Committee's ongoing educational component includes circulating the household hazardous waste exhibits, which are now equipped with an audio component, for use by schools, municipalities, and other organizations. The exhibits address the potential dangers of household hazardous waste on both the environment and the human body, together with identifying products that might be lurking in your cupboards which are potentially dangerous. When not in use, the exhibits reside at the offices of Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

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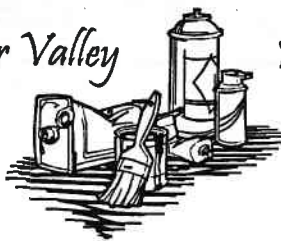
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ANNUAL REPORT 2001

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee is a volunteer committee working to promote understanding of the hazards of toxic substances used in the home and their proper disposal. During 2001, the Committee:

- Hosted a booth at the Upper Valley Home Show,
- Provided volunteers for the household hazardous waste collections held in Hartford,
- Circulated interactive exhibits, and
- Provided pamphlets and other informational materials to residents and schools.

The Upper Valley Home Show Booth. The Committee hosted a booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition for Living where displays and literature informed passers-by on subjects such as: local household hazardous waste collections; alternative non-hazardous products for the home; disposal of used motor oil, batteries, computers, and paint; and what happens to material after it is taken to a hazardous waste collection event.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections Support. HHW collections require volunteer support to direct traffic, survey participants, and answer participants' questions. The Committee provided the seamless volunteer presence at the four HHW collections held in Hartford, Vermont in 2001. Over 700 Upper Valley households, together with a small number of local businesses, brought approximately 7,500 gallons of hazardous waste to the collections.

Interactive Exhibits. The Committee has three interactive household hazardous waste exhibits which it circulates to any interested schools, municipalities, or other organizations. In 2001, repairs were made to the exhibits by the Committee to return the exhibits to full function. The exhibits address the hazards that toxics present to the body, demonstrate the movement of substances in groundwater, and identify hazardous products that might be lurking in home cupboards.

Informational Materials. The Committee also provides educational materials to schools or other interested parties both on loan and for their permanent use, including model curriculum, the hazardous waste wheel, flyers and other hazardous waste information. The Committee produces and distributes its own pamphlet which addresses toxics in the home and provides alternative product recipes.

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— Reduce the use of toxics in your home, and responsibly dispose of what waste you do generate —

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During 2002, the Committee: hosted an informational booth at the Upper Valley Home Show; provided volunteers for the household hazardous waste collections held in Hartford; circulated interactive exhibits; and provided pamphlets and other informational materials to residents and schools.

The Upper Valley Home Show Booth. The Committee hosted a booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition where volunteers, displays, and literature informed passers-by about household hazardous waste issues. Most importantly, the event reminded residents to handle their hazardous materials properly and informed them of collection events during the coming year. Over 200 flyers on the 2002 collection events were distributed.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support. The Committee provided knowledgeable and efficient volunteer support at the collections. Despite increased traffic flow due to a sparse collection schedule, the Committee was able to provide shorter lines to participants by improving the traffic flow pattern and streamlining the surveys. In a special effort, the committee was also able to provide timely and important information about the disposal of older propane tanks, used motor oil, and batteries. Almost 600 Upper Valley households brought approximately 5,900 gallons of hazardous waste to the two collections held in Hartford, Vermont.

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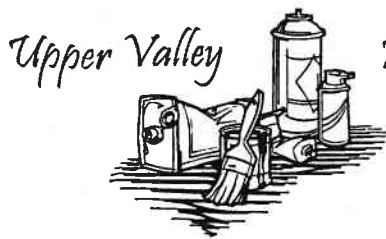
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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support. The Committee provided knowledgeable and efficient volunteer support at the collections. Participants enjoyed a continued reduction in time spent in line due to Committee volunteers, longer event hours, and improved traffic patterns. Committee volunteers continued to hand out important information about the disposal of older propane tanks, used motor oil, and batteries. Almost 500 Upper Valley households brought approximately 5,500 gallons of hazardous waste to the two collections held in Hartford, Vermont.

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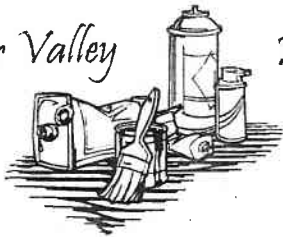
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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support. The Committee provided knowledgeable and efficient volunteer support at the collections. Participants enjoyed a continued reduction in time spent in line due to Committee volunteers. Committee volunteers continued to hand out important information about the disposal of older propane tanks, used motor oil, and batteries. Almost 1,200 Upper Valley households brought approximately 11,500 gallons of hazardous waste to the collections held in Hartford, Lebanon, Newbury, Canaan, and Thetford.

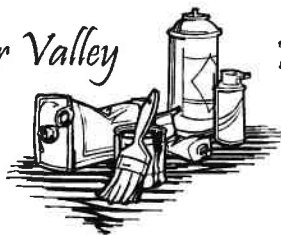
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It has been an exciting year for the Committee! During 2005, the Committee: created a new regional HHW web site, printed and distributed an alternative cleaning recipes booklet, developed a video public service announcement, hosted booths at the Upper Valley Home Show and the CHaD Kidfest; and provided volunteers for household hazardous waste collections.

www.uvhhw.org. Visit the Committee's new site for detailed information about:

- where and when the hazardous waste collections are this year, and who may attend,
- what you can and cannot bring,
- less-toxic recipes for cleaning solutions, and
- links to other regional authorities.

New Alternative Recipe Booklets. The Committee has printed handsome, sturdy booklets with many recipes for creating low-toxicity cleaning solutions for the home. Save money and reduce the risks of poisoning and sickness that many commercial cleaners pose to homeowners. The same recipes are also available online at the www.uvhhw.org website. Please contact us for your free copy! In Vermont, John at GUVSWD (296-3688); in NH, Denyce at UVLSRPC (448-1680).

Public Service Announcement. The Committee was able to create a video PSA for the hazardous waste collections in the area due to the generosity of the Windham waste district. Look for the humorous one-minute clip on the local cable access in the spring.

Event Booths. The Committee hosted booths at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition and the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD) KidFest, where volunteers, displays, and literature informed passers-by about household hazardous waste issues.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support. The Committee provided knowledgeable and efficient volunteer support at the collections, keeping wait times short and residents informed. About 1,285 Upper Valley households brought approximately 11,000 gallons of hazardous waste to the collections held in Hartford, West Lebanon, Newport (NH), and Woodstock (VT).

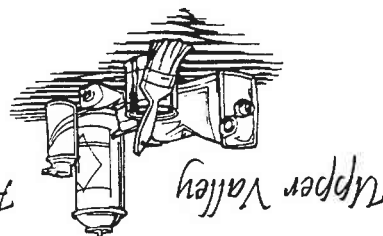
A Hearty Thank You. Three local organizations awarded the Committee grants to help cover the direct costs of its educational programs. Many thanks to the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation, the Anne Slade Frey Charitable Trust, and the League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley.

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During 2006 the Committee continued to maintain a regional web site, hosted a booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition and provided volunteers for the household hazardous waste collections.

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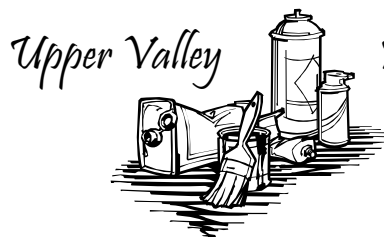
Event Booth The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition focused on lawn and garden care without the use of pesticides as well as supplying information on hazardous waste disposal and alternative cleaning recipes.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support The committee provided volunteer support at the collections, keeping waiting times short and residents informed. About 1,275 households brought approximately 8,131 gallons of hazardous waste to collections held in West Lebanon, Hartford, Bridgewater, Stratford, Sharon, New London, Newport and Thetford.

Funding A generous grant from the Dorothy Byrne Foundation will help to cover the costs of our educational work.

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During 2007 the Committee initiated a program to reduce the use of toxic products in lawn and garden care, hosted booths at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition and at the Mascoma Health Initiative, provided volunteers for household hazardous waste collections and continued to maintain a regional website.

Toxicity Reduction Program would educate on environmentally safe lawn and garden care through an article in town newsletters or an insert in utility bills. Towns have been contacted and the information will go out winter and spring of 2008. A bookmark size summary of this information was distributed at collections.

Event Booths The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition again focused on non-toxic lawn and garden care and also supplied information on hazardous waste disposal and alternative cleaning recipes.

The booth at the Mascoma Health Initiative in Canaan consisted of similar displays and information and gave us exposure in another area of the Upper Valley.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support The committee provided volunteer support at the Lebanon collections, keeping waiting times short and residents informed.

In New Hampshire 1,575 households brought 2,400lbs. of waste to collections in Lebanon, Newport and Sunapee. In Vermont 1,115 households contributed 10,055 gallons of waste. Collections were held in Hartford, Woodstock, Thetford, Vershire, W. Fairlee, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Norwich, Sharon and Strafford.

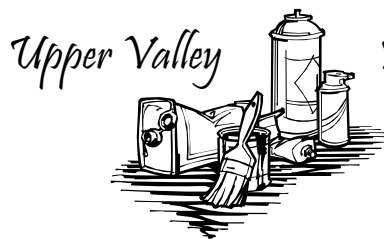
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- when and where this year's collections will be held and who may attend
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During 2008 the Committee continued to maintain a regional website, hosted a booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition, provided volunteers for the household hazardous waste collections at the Lebanon Landfill, and met with Marc Morgan, Solid Waste Manager for Lebanon to learn more about the Landfill and Recycling Center and the services they provide.

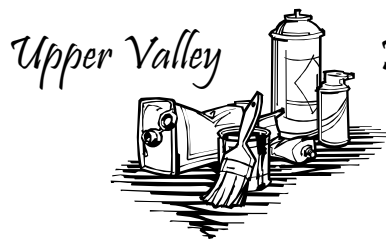
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Event Booth The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition featured information on collections in the area including dates and what materials are and are not accepted. Pesticide free lawn and garden care continued to be a focus. Alternative cleaning recipes were distributed. Also, material was available on mercury and fluorescent light bulb use and disposal.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support The committee provided volunteer support at the collections held at the Lebanon Landfill, keeping waiting times short and residents informed. A total of 480 households from Canaan, Enfield, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orford, Plainfield, Springfield and Cornish brought waste to two collections at the Lebanon Landfill.

Toxicity Reduction Program Bookmark size summaries of information on environmentally safe lawn and garden care were included in the town of Hartford's utility bills. These summaries were also distributed to town offices and libraries where they were available to the public.



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Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee ANNUAL REPORT 2010

During 2010 the Committee continued to maintain a regional website (www.uvhhw.org), provide educational outreach, and support the HHW collections.

Home & Life Show Event Booth: The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth in March 2010 featured information on collections in the area including dates and what materials are and are not accepted. Prescription and over-the-counter medicine examples and management options were provided.

Other materials included information on rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, auto batteries, antifreeze, and mercury-containing devices such as button batteries, thermostats, and thermometers. Pesticide free lawn and garden care continued to be a focus. Alternative cleaning recipes were distributed. A large map displayed the household hazardous waste collections in the area with their dates, times, and contacts for further information.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support: The committee provided volunteer support at the collections held at the Lebanon Landfill, keeping waiting times short and residents informed. A total of 498 households from Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, Newbury, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity and Wilmot brought waste to two collections at the Lebanon Landfill in July and September. Over 160 households from those towns brought waste to the Newbury, NH collection in August.

Unwanted Medicine Collections: Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Outpatient Pharmacy partnered with the Upper Valley HHW Committee to provide unwanted medicine collection. At the two Lebanon collections, 84 households brought unwanted medicines for proper disposal. At the Newbury, NH collection, 17 households brought unwanted medicines.

Proper handling of unwanted medicines is strictly regulated. A police officer must oversee the process and a pharmacist must determine the type of medication and document all “controlled” medicines (those having “street value”). The controlled substances are taken by the police officer at the end of the collection and stored at the police department until taken for incineration. The non-controlled medications are taken by the HHW contractor and incinerated with other materials collected.

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