

1987?

History of the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee

- Alice and Charlotte attended a State LWV Workshop on Household Hazardous Wastes in 1983.
- This was followed by Alice and Charlotte approaching the Montshire Museum about collaborating on a Household Hazardous Waste Project.
- Two public meetings were co-sponsored by the two organizations (the Montshire and the Hanover LWV) in 1983 and 1984.
- The League researched Collection Days with State and National Leagues. Got a grant from the National League for education purposes.
- Alice wrote the first proposal for an Upper Valley Collection Day to be presented to the Upper Valley Solid Waste District. This was critiqued by members of the League's Natural Resources Committee.
- Geoff Dates from the Montshire critiqued and gave the final approval of the proposal.
- Geoff and Alice presented the proposal to the Upper Valley Solid Waste District in the spring of 1984.
- Approval was given by the District, including the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council.
- The first active members were: Ralph Lehman (UVSWD), Bob Varney (UVLSC), Charlotte Faulkner (LWV), Ruth Devaney (LWV), Ann Crow (LWV), Joyce Noll (LWV and Hanover Conservation Council), Nan King (LWV and Hanover Garden Club), Geoff Dates (Montshire Museum) and Alice Jackson (LWV).
- The above worked on getting members from other towns and organizations--a total of 16.
- The first order of business was to give ourselves a name--  
The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee.

-We then divided up duties:

- Administration--Bob Varney (UVLSC) Paid staff for paper work.
- Site and Funding--Ralph Lehman (UVSWD)
- Education--Montshire Paid staff for paper work.
- Publicity and education--LWV and others.

-Procedure:

Each of the above carried out its mandate and met with the Committee for additional ideas and final approval before carrying out any action.

Ex. The LWV, Green-up Chair and others put together the Brochure and first flyer and spent many hours with the rest of the Committee refining these materials before presenting them to the public.

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## UVHHW Committee

History of  
UVHHW Committee - 1984  
proposed  
for poster for  
center  
display -

Please  
help  
word  
this -  
L.H.

Founded by a few citizens concerned  
about the hazards of toxics in the home,  
and their disposal.

For 11 years they ran hazardous waste  
collections in the Upper Valley diverting  
(50,000?) 20,000 gallons of toxic waste from  
landfills.

1993 - since then collections <sup>are</sup> jointly managed  
by UVLSRPC W.H. and  
GUVS in Vt. 15

The cost of collections ~~has~~ been  
covered by participating towns.  
The focus of our committee is education -  
with an aim to reduce ~~toxics~~ and.

through helping out collections, involving schools  
and events such as the house show.

Does your town participate? see map

If not, contact your town clerk.

Would you like to be a volunteer  
on our committee?

See - website - Phone

This local committee of volunteers continues to encourage Upper  
Valley residents and municipalities to reduce toxicity wherever  
possible and manage toxic materials properly. For more informa-  
tion, call 603-448-1680.

### About the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee has  
been working on promoting hazardous waste collections and edu-  
cating the Upper Valley residents about toxicity reduction since  
1984. The Committee began by actually running hazardous waste  
collection events for nine years, diverting over 20,000 gallons of  
hazardous waste from area landfills and insuring that the toxic ma-  
terial went for safe disposal or reprocessing. In recent years, as the  
collection programs have been managed by the Upper Valley Lake  
Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, the Greater Upper Valley  
Solid Waste District and other municipalities, the Committee has  
focused its efforts on education and outreach.