



**COLUMBIA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
CLEAN UP DAY EVENT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**



Town participating in a clean up event may collect the following items:

Metal items & appliance (with the exception of those containing freon)

All construction and demolition debris material & household garbage

Tires up to 24” (with the exception of loader and tractor tires)

Latex Paints can be disposed of by adding kitty litter or sawdust to absorb paint and once hardened can be placed in regular household garbage. Another option is to open the lid and let the paint dry.

Smoke Detectors or Carbon Monoxide Detectors can be placed into regular household trash provided that the batteries are removed (See page 3 DEC guidance)

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT AT A COLLECTION:

The Town’s Modifications to this list are noted in red font

~~No Electronic waste. — If a town would like to accept electronics, they will be responsible for transporting the e-waste to the Greenport Transfer Station. The Town must make arrangements with the Solid Waste Department prior to delivering the waste.~~

As of 2021 the CAC is sponsoring the collection of electronic and will have a drop-off area set up at the Town’s annual Clean Up Day Event.

~~No automotive batteries~~ **The Town will have a drop-off area designated for batteries. Batteries cannot be placed into the dumpsters as it is a fire hazard.. Car batteries will be delivered to Ben Weistman of Albany; all other batteries will be recycled.**

~~No appliance with Freon~~ **If the appliance with Freon is mostly metal it will be accepted into the *Ben Weistsman of Albany* Dumpster. According to their representative they have processes in place for dealing with Freon properly.**

No Propane Tanks. Please note that the Country Squire accepts propane tanks anytime of the year. Please do not bring propane tanks to the Town’s Clean Up Event.

No Motor Oil: - NYS requires service stations and automotive retailers to accept used motor oil up to 5 gallon. There may be a minimal charge for the disposal of antifreeze, if the garage has the capability to accepting it. Please make sure oil and gas are drained from any equipment and/or tools before placing into any of the Dumpsters as this is a fire hazard..

No Fluorescent Light Bulbs – Please contact the Solid Waste Admin Office at 518.828.2737 for proper disposal instruction.

PAGE 2 OUTLINES WHAT THE COUNTY CLASSIFIES AS HAZARDOUS WASTE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE TOWN’S CLEAN UP DAY EVENT

THESE ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS WASTE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE TOWN EVENT

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION DAY**

**SATURDAY, May 7, 2022
8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON**

What Do I Bring?

From the Workbench:

**Oil Based & Latex Paints
Stains & Varnishes
Wood Preservatives
Solvents Adhesives
Lighter Fluids**

From the Garage:

**Fuels/Gasoline/Kerosene/Antifreeze
Engine Degreasers
Brake Fluid/Carburetor Cleaner
Car Wax, Polish
Roofing Tar
Driveway Sealer
Swimming Pool Chemicals**

From the Yard:

**Poisons, Insecticides, Fungicides
Chemical Fertilizers
Weed Killers
Moth Balls
Flea Control Products, Pest Strips
Aerosol Cans (not empty)**

LOCATION:

**HIGHWAY GARAGE
178 ROUTE 23B, GREENPORT**

From the House:

**Rubber Cement
Household Batteries
Fiberglass Resins
Photo Chemicals
Chemistry Sets
Furniture Polish
Floor & Metal Polish
Oven Cleaner
Drain & Toilet Cleaner
Rug & Upholstery Cleaner
Hobby & Art Supplies
Spot Remover**

**WHAT NOT TO BRING
EMPTY CONTAINERS**

**Radioactive Waste
Commercial/Industrial/
Agricultural
Fire Extinguishers
Infectious & Biological Waste
Prescription Medicines,
Syringes
Asbestos
Ammunition, Explosives,
Fireworks
Non contaminated Motor Oil,
Antifreeze
* NO 55 GALLON DRUMS**

**RESIDENTS WITH LARGE QUANTITIES (PICK UP/VAN LOADS) MUST
CONTACT THE DPW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE PRIOR TO
PARTICIPATING @ 518-828-2737. NO CHARGE FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS.
PROOF OF RESIDENCY WILL BE REQUIRED.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

**These items will NOT be
Accepted**

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How to Properly Dispose of Home Smoke Detectors

It's important to remember to switch out your home smoke detector when it has reached the end of its functioning life and properly dispose it. Household smoke detectors contain a small amount of the radioactive isotope Americium-241, but it is not necessary to treat these items as low-level radioactive waste. Instead, do the following:

1. **Remove any batteries** from the smoke detector that are easily accessible. (Do not breach smoke detectors with non-removable batteries to get the battery out.)
2. **Dispose of your old home smoke detector(s) in the regular trash.** Alternatively, you may be able to return smoke detectors to the manufacturer, if the manufacturer can be contacted and agrees to take the item(s) back.

Use the [Call2Recycle website](#) to find a recycling outlet for any batteries removed from the smoke detector. Small rechargeable batteries, like those used in smoke detectors, should always be dropped off at these outlets for recycling. Primary batteries may be disposed of in the regular trash if you're unable to find a recycling outlet for them.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events – Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors should not be collected at household hazardous waste collection events. The exemptions that have been issued for consumer products containing small amounts of radioactive material, such as smoke detectors, were based on the assumption that these items will be obtained in small quantities and subsequently disposed of in small quantities by individual homeowners. Some communities have accumulated large amounts of smoke detectors at annual hazardous waste collection events for disposal, but this is not how these devices should be disposed of. The impacts of these exemptions were not evaluated for situations where large amounts of these devices are collected, and disposed of at one time. Instead, inform your residents that they can use the steps above to safely dispose of their home smoke detectors.
