

Household Hazardous and Universal Waste Alternative Return and Disposal Options



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How do I dispose of batteries? *Regular household Batteries* (AA, AAA, B, C, D, 9 volt): can be disposed of in your household garbage since they no longer contain heavy metals. *Rechargeable batteries*: you can return them to the place of purchase (Radio Shack, Wal-Mart, etc.). *Car, lawn mower, and boat batteries*: return to the place of purchase or call One Steel Recycling at 947-3710. *Watch & other button-style batteries*: are accepted by most stores that sell camcorders or cell phones. Jewelry stores usually accept watch batteries. Contact them for more information. Rechargeable and watch batteries can also be dropped off at HCPC during regular office hours.

How about latex paint? Latex paint can be disposed of at Sherwin Williams on Downeast Highway in Ellsworth. Please call them ahead of time for more information and requirements. It will also be accepted at the collection event. You are limited to 5 gallons (total) at the event with your town paying for the disposal, if you exceed 5 gallons you must pay for the disposal of the excess amount.

What options are there for oil-based paint products? A statewide paint recycling program for paint products has been implemented. Paint will be accepted at the HCPC annual collection event and can be disposed of at Sherwin Williams and other locations in Hancock County. See list on other side.

What can I do with my fluorescent light bulbs (tubes)? Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury and, by law, you cannot throw them into the waste stream. Coastal Recycling, 114 Franklin Road, Hancock accepts them for a fee. Call 422-6766 for prices and current operating hours.

What can I do with my compact fluorescent light bulbs (curly bulbs)? We maintain a list of retailers in various towns that will accept them for recycling. See list on other side.

Where can I dispose of electronics such as old computers, printers, and televisions? Coastal Recycling (see above) also accepts most electronics for a fee.

How do I dispose of mercury-containing thermostats? Contact Bangor Pipe Company at 667-5346 (55 Foster St in Ellsworth). They participate in the Thermostat Recycling Corporation's collection program and will take them at no charge.

Is there a year-round facility that accepts Household Hazardous Waste? The nearest facility is the Environmental Depot at 424 River Road in Lewiston, which is open for All Maine residents. There is a \$28 per "unit" fee. A unit consists of 5 gallons of liquid, 20 pounds of solid waste, or a combination of liquid and solid waste. The Depot is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month May through November from 08:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If the Saturday falls on a holiday weekend (such as Fourth of July), it will be CLOSED. For more information and directions, see: <http://www.envdepot.com/contact.html> or call (207) 786-7390.

What about pesticides? The Maine Bureau of Pesticide Control has an annual free collection for which pre-registration is required. At the time this information is being printed, the date has not been set but is typically in October. For more information, the Maine Bureau of Pesticide Control would like you to visit its website www.thinkfirstspraylast.org or call 207-287-2731.

Hancock County locations for CFL disposal:

Bar Harbor	EBS	Paradis True Value	
Blue Hill	EBS	Tradewinds	Viking Lumber
Bucksport	Bucksport True Value		
Ellsworth	EBS	Reny's	
Hancock	Viking Lumber		
Lamoine	Transfer Station		
Orland	EBS		
Stonington	Burnt Cove Market		
Swan's Island	Transfer Station		
Trenton	Trenton Marketplace IGA		

Paint disposal options – Contact business beforehand for restrictions.

1. Sherwin Williams
43 Downeast Hwy
Ellsworth, ME 04605
(207) 667-2150

2. Paradis True Value Hardware
31 Holland Ave
Bar Harbor, ME 04609
(207) 288-4995

3. Southwest Trustworthy Hardware
345 Main St
Southwest Harbor, ME 04679
(207) 244-7243

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