

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



## Get Rid of It Right!

2019

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

### About the Collection Events

Each year the City hosts 4 hazardous waste events. Dates and locations are advertised online after Feb 28 each year at:  
[CambridgeMA.Gov/HazardousWaste](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/HazardousWaste)

#### Remember:

Never pour hazardous products down drains or catch basins, or put in the trash.

Never mix chemicals.

Sort and pack items separately.

Generally, items labeled as HAZARDOUS, POISON, DANGER, WARNING or CAUTION must be disposed of at one of DPW's hazardous waste events. Protect our waterways and the environment by getting rid of it right!

#### Can't make the next collection?

- Ask a neighbor to bring your household hazardous waste
- Some hazardous items may be safely disposed of without attending an event. Use the Get Rid of It Right tool on our website or in the Zero Waste Cambridge app to learn more.
- Contact Clean Harbors at 781.380.7100 or Minuteman Hazardous Waste Facility at 781.862.0500 for other options to dispose of hazardous waste for a fee.



### Department of Public Works (DPW)

147 Hampshire Street  
Cambridge MA 02139  
Phone: 617.349.4800  
TDD: 617.499.9924

Email: [Recycle@CambridgeMA.Gov](mailto:Recycle@CambridgeMA.Gov)

#### Hours of Service

Monday: 8:30am-8:00pm  
Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
Friday: 8:30am-12:00pm

#### Recycling Center Hours

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:00pm-7:30pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Stay updated on your waste services.  
Sign up for the monthly Recycle newsletter:  
[CambridgeMA.Gov/Subscribe](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Subscribe)



### See It, Report It!

If you see any illegal dumping, call DPW 24/7 at 617.349.4800, or report online at [CambridgeMA.gov/311](http://CambridgeMA.gov/311)

**Only water and rain  
can go down the storm drain!**



For more information see:  
[CambridgeMA.Gov/Stormwater](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Stormwater)  
[CambridgeMA.Gov/HazardousWaste](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/HazardousWaste)



## What are Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events?

The City of Cambridge holds Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events to help residents dispose of hazardous waste safely and properly. These events protect the environment and public health. Don't pollute the environment by trashing or dumping hazardous waste down the drain.

## What to bring on the day?

Bring your hazardous waste and proof of residency (parking permit or utility bill accepted) to the scheduled drop-off location. Staff will examine the materials you've brought and then dispose of them for you the right way.

If you have no proof of residency or are a property manager bringing more than 25 pounds or 25 gallons from a Cambridge residential building, please email: [Recycle@CambridgeMA.Gov](mailto:Recycle@CambridgeMA.Gov) in advance.



Before visiting the next Hazardous Household Waste Collection Event, check the Get Rid of It Right tool for how to dispose of your materials at: [CambridgeMA.gov/HazardousWaste](http://CambridgeMA.gov/HazardousWaste) or download the Zero Waste Cambridge app

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### Accepted Items:



Batteries: Vehicle & Non-Alkaline<sup>1</sup>



Car Fluids:  
Antifreeze, Brake,  
Engine Degreaser,  
Transmission



Car Tires  
(max. four per  
household)



Chemicals: Cleaners,  
Glues, Removers,  
Photography &  
Swimming Pool



Fire Extinguishers



Fluorescent Light  
Bulbs<sup>1</sup>



Mercury Items<sup>1</sup>:  
Thermometers &  
Thermostats



Paints: Oil-Based &  
Latex



Poisons: Insecticides,  
Pesticides & Weed  
Killers



Prescription Medicines<sup>2</sup>



Propane Cylinders  
(20 lbs. or less only)



Waste Fuels:  
Antifreeze, Gasoline,  
Kerosene, Sterno &  
Motor Oil

### Items **Not** Accepted:



**NO** Alkaline Batteries



**NO** Ammunition,  
Fireworks, Explosives  
& Road Flares  
(call 617.349.3300 for  
proper disposal)



**NO** Asbestos (requires  
proper disposal)



**NO** Bleach or  
Ammonia



**NO** Commercial/  
Industrial Waste



**NO** Construction  
Debris



**NO** Empty Aerosol  
Cans



**NO** Compressed Gas  
Cylinders



**NO** Infectious or  
Biological Waste



**NO** Radioactive  
Waste



**NO** Smoke Detectors



**NO** Syringes<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Also accepted at DPW's Recycling Center

<sup>2</sup>Also accepted year-round at Police Department at 125 Sixth Street