

Registration Opens for Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

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EASTON - Registration for the 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off event will open on Wednesday, August 28, at 8:00 a.m. This event is only for Northampton County residents; online pre-registration is required. County residents may sign up for one appointment per household. Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration often reaches capacity quickly, so residents are encouraged to register promptly and open an account with Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.com) before registration begins. A link to the event will be posted on the Northampton County Homepage.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on Saturday, September 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Northampton Community College (3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem) and will be held rain or shine. For the safety of staff, you must enter from the campus's Main Entrance on Green Pond Road.

Appointment times are in 15-minute increments. User instructions are available on the County's Environmental Services webpage. After successfully registering, a confirmation email will be sent by Eventbrite with a printable ticket attachment. If you need to change your confirmed time, you must delete or cancel your appointment on Eventbrite and re-register. There is no guarantee that an appointment will remain available if you cancel. Those who show up without an appointment will be turned away.

Acceptable waste must be generated in the home and not affiliated with any commercial business, contractor, nonprofit, organization, institution, or out-of-county residence. Staff has the right to determine and refuse unauthorized material.

To be admitted to the event, each participant must:

Show a printed ticket from Eventbrite or display the confirmation email on their smartphone

Show proof of residency matching the contact information used for registration

Arrive within their scheduled timeframe, not before or after

Only drop off accepted materials

Only 50 gallons and 90 pounds of solid waste will be accepted per vehicle.

This is a no-contact event, which means drivers must remain inside their vehicles upon arrival. The material must be accessible from the trunk, cargo area, or bed of a truck. Event staff will remove all items from those locations.

Acceptable materials include paint products, automotive fluids, outdoor products (pesticides, herbicides, driveway sealers, pool chemicals, etc.), and household products (lead acid car batteries, rechargeable, lithium or button type household batteries, fire extinguishers, flammables, adhesives, aerosols, etc.)

Unacceptable materials include electronics, appliances, Freon, scrap metal, explosives, ammunition, radioactive waste, fireworks, smoke/carbon monoxide protectors, medical waste, sharps, latex paint, alkaline batteries, gas cylinders, and helium tanks. A full list of unacceptable materials can be found on the 2024 event flyer as well as the County's Environmental Services webpage.

Household hazardous waste collection events are supported by Northampton County Recycling and Sustainability Funding in partnership with PA Dept. of Agriculture, PA Dept. of Environmental Protection and Waste Management Grand Central and Alliance landfills.

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