

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 9th, 2026, from 8 am until 12 pm. *Event held rain or shine.*

**WHERE:** 21 Stadium Drive, Frederick 21703 (NYMEO Field/Keys baseball stadium, in the upper parking lot. Please enter from New Design Road, not South Market Street.)

***There is NO FEE to drop off household materials. This event is provided for Frederick County residential waste only — no business or out-of-county materials! No walk-ups permitted!***

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Aerosol paints
- Brake Fluid
- Flares
- Fluorescent & UV bulbs (compact and tube)
- Fuels (gasoline/lighter fluid, oil/gas mixed)
- Herbicides/insecticides/fungicides
- Household & automotive cleaners
- Mercury thermometers & thermostats
- Pesticides, rat poison, mothballs
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Rechargeable batteries (including NiCad, Liion and computer batteries)
- Stains and sealants
- Smoke, radon & carbon monoxide detectors
- Thinners and solvents
- Empty one pound, torch size, fuel cylinders

## UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS\*:

- Any non-aerosol paints
- Alkaline or vehicle batteries
- Biohazard waste
- Explosives & fireworks
- Firearms or ammunition
- Fire extinguishers
- Fuel tanks **larger** than one pound
- Freon and helium tanks
- Kerosene, diesel fuel, hydraulic fluid
- Medicines and medical sharps
- Motor oil and antifreeze
- Radioactive materials
- Regular trash & recyclable materials
- *Unidentifiable items will not be accepted at this event.*

*\* Disposal information listed on other side of page.*

## Did you know...

**Paints and regular alkaline household batteries are not hazardous wastes?** For information on proper disposal of these items, see reverse side of this page.

**Medicines are not accepted at these events,** but can be dropped off year round at designated locations! See reverse side of page for specific addresses.

**CFL Light bulbs** may also be taken year round to Home Depot or Lowes for recycling.

**Rechargeable Batteries** are accepted at these events, but may also be taken year round to Lowes, Home Depot or other stores offering free battery recycling; visit [www.Call2Recycle.org](http://www.Call2Recycle.org) for locations.

**GET AUTOMATIC REMINDERS FOR THESE EVENTS!** Look for the “[Recycling Schedule](#)” box on our website and enter your address to sign up for email, phone, or text notifications!

**[www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle)**

For more information on this event call the Frederick County, MD Division of Solid Waste & Recycling at (301) 600-1848



--- MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED AS HAZARDOUS WASTE ---

- **Alkaline Batteries** (such as D, AA, etc.) – May be disposed of in your regular trash (mercury was eliminated in these batteries in the 1990's). Do not dispose of large amounts of alkaline batteries together in a group; used batteries are often not completely "dead." Grouping used batteries together can bring "live" batteries into contact with one another, creating safety risks.
- **Empty Helium Tanks** – First, open the valve to release any remaining helium, then unscrew the nozzle and discard. Using a hammer and screwdriver, knock out the round disk on the back of the tank. (Online tutorial here: [www.balloontime.com/how-to/recycle](http://www.balloontime.com/how-to/recycle)) Then tank may be recycled in the scrap metal bin at the 9031 Reichs Ford Road recycling drop-off center. Do not place in blue bin at home.
- **Explosives, Fireworks and Ammunition** – Contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal Bomb Squad by calling 410-859-7152, or the Frederick County Fire Marshal at 301-600-1479.
- **Firearms** – Contact the County Sheriff's Department at 301-600-1046.
- **Fire Extinguishers** – If empty, may be placed in regular trash. For further instructions, visit our website.
- **Larger Gas Tanks/Cylinders** – Most vendors that sell propane tanks for grills, heaters, and other backyard items, accept any brand as returns. Look under "Gas Companies" in the yellow pages, as some vendors may also accept freon, oxygen and fuel tanks other than propane.
- **Kerosene, Motor Oil, Diesel Fuel, Hydraulic Fluid & Transmission Fluid** – Are accepted year round at the 9031 Reichs Ford Road Recycling Drop-Off site, in the used oils tank.
- **Medicines** – *Do not flush or dump!* There are drop-off boxes for proper disposal of pharmaceuticals, located in WalMart, CVS and Walgreen's pharmacies, as well as:

**Emmitsburg Community Center** (8am - 4:30pm)  
2nd Floor, 300 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg

**Frederick Police Department** (24 hrs)  
110 West Patrick Street, Frederick

**Thurmont Police Department** (8am - 4pm)  
800 Main St., Thurmont

**Frederick Law Enforcement Center** (24 hrs)  
110 Airport Drive E., Frederick 21701

**Brunswick Police Department** (24 hrs)  
20 E. A St., Brunswick

**Middletown Municipal Center** (8am - 4pm)  
31 W. Main St., Middletown

**Mount Airy Police Department**  
205 Center St., Mt. Airy

**Urbana Pharmacy**  
3420 Worthington Blvd., Frederick 21704

- **Medical Sharps** – May be placed in household trash after disinfection and securing in a puncture-proof container. For more information visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Landfill](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Landfill) or call 301-600-1848.
- **Paint, Oil or Latex** (except in aerosol cans) – Must be dried out, then may be disposed as regular trash. Drying additives are available for latex paint at home improvement stores. You may also add sawdust, mulch, shredded paper or kitty litter to paint and leave the lid off until dry. Once paint has solidified it can be placed with regular household trash (*with approval from your trash hauler*) or brought to the landfill for disposal.
- **Thermometers** – Is it mercury? If the content of the thermometer is RED it is not mercury—it is actually alcohol and can be disposed of in the regular trash. Mercury thermometers (with a silver content) can be brought to our hazardous waste drop off days.
- **Vehicle Batteries & Antifreeze** – May be recycled for no charge, year round, at 9031 Reichs Ford Road, Monday-Saturday, 7am-4:30pm. Enter via the "Recycling Road" entrance.

**If you need to dispose of hazardous material in between a County-sponsored event please call 301-600-1848.**