

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## RACINE WASTEWATER UTILITY 2025 COLLECTION EVENT INFORMATION



### WHEN ARE THE HHW COLLECTION EVENTS HELD?

**EVERY 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY, JULY-OCTOBER 2025**

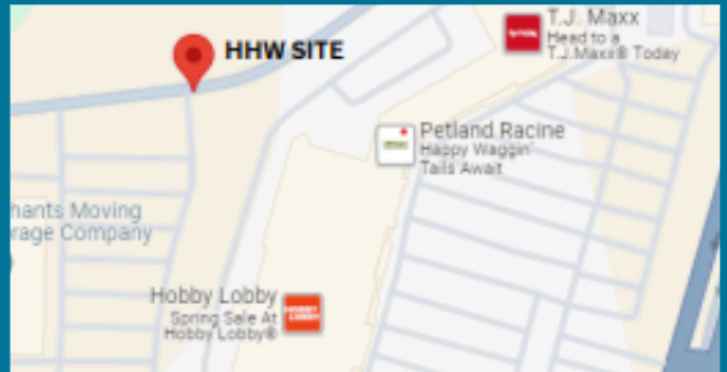
**8:00 AM Until 1:00 PM**

- **Saturday, July 19, 2025**
- **Saturday, August 16, 2025**
- **Saturday, September 20, 2025**
- **Saturday, October 18, 2025**

**\*Collection events are held rain or shine. When faced with severe weather/ lightning, we may need to delay or suspend operations until the threat has passed in order to keep workers and participants safe. We do our best to remain operational during the event hours; however, please be mindful of severe weather conditions before arriving. We have no way to make a public announcement during the event.\***

### WHERE ARE THE HHW COLLECTION EVENTS HELD?

**Only those that reside in the City of Racine (zip codes 53401-53408) and Villages of Caledonia, Elmwood Park, Mount Pleasant, North Bay, Sturtevant and Wind Point may participate. Racine Wastewater Utility's HHW Collection Events are located at: 6200 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Racine.**



### WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

**Household hazardous waste (HHW) are products used in your house, home garage, or residential garden/yard that can be flammable, corrosive, toxic, and harmful to you and the environment if they are not handled properly.**

### HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY HHW PRODUCTS?

**Read the product label. If the label contains any of the following words, then the product is hazardous:**

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| • <b>Toxic</b>       | • <b>Combustible</b> |
| • <b>Flammable</b>   | • <b>Explosive/</b>  |
| • <b>Corrosive/</b>  | • <b>Reactive</b>    |
| • <b>Caustic</b>     | • <b>Danger</b>      |
| • <b>Reactive</b>    | • <b>Caution</b>     |
| • <b>Poison</b>      | • <b>Warning</b>     |
| • <b>Volatile</b>    | • <b>Harmful</b>     |
| • <b>Inflammable</b> | • <b>Solvents</b>    |

### WHY DOES HHW REQUIRE SPECIAL HANDLING/DISPOSAL?

**Certain types of HHW have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers, contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems. They can also present hazards to children and pets.**

### WHY SHOULD YOU BE CONCERNED?

**Improper disposal of hazardous products such as pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or placing them in the trash pollutes our environment and poses a threat to human and animal health.**

# ACCEPTED ITEMS

(ALL CONTAINERS MUST NOT EXCEED 5 GALLONS)

- Acid Concrete killer
- Batteries, Alkaline/Lithium (recycling preferred)
- Brake Cleaner
- Cleaners with solvent
- Degreasers
- Driveway sealer with coal tar or petroleum distillates
- Fertilizer with weed killer
- Floor wax stripper with solvent
- Florescent Light Bulbs, CFLs
- Furniture stripper
- Gas & oil mixture
- Insect spray/ baits
- Kerosene
- Laundry bleach
- Mothballs
- Oil based paints
- PCB containing Ballasts
- Pool chemicals
- Stain/varnish
- Starter fluid
- Transmission fluid
- Used oil - motor or cooking
- Wood preservatives

# UNACCEPTED ITEMS

- Ammunition
- Appliances of any type
- Auto parts
- Ballasts **NOT** containing PCBs
- Cell phones
- Compressed gas cylinders (includes propane, butane tanks)
- Containers **GREATER** than 5 gallons
- Driveway sealer without coal tar & petroleum distillates
- Electronics
- Empty containers
- Fertilizer **WITHOUT** weed killer
- Fire extinguishers
- Latex, water-based paints
- Medications
- Radioactive waste
- Sharps
- Smoke detectors
- Televisions
- Tires
- Waste from a business, agribusiness, or organization
- Yard waste

\*This is a short list of common products. Please refer to the front of the flyer on how to identify household hazardous waste\*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1) If my mailing address is "Racine", but I reside WEST of I-94, may I participate in the Racine Wastewater Utility's HHW collection events?** No. This is not a county wide program. We only provided services to the residents of the City of Racine (zip codes 53401-53408 only), Caledonia, Elmwood Park, Mount Pleasant, North Bay, Sturtevant & Wind Point.

If you reside in Burlington, Dover, Union Grove or Waterford, please call the Burlington Wastewater Utility at 262.342.1181 for collection information in your area. All others please contact your village/town hall for information.

**2. How do I dispose of latex/water-based paints?** Add paint hardener, oil dry or kitty litter to the container and allow the paint to dry completely. City of Racine residents must dispose of the dried out paint cans at the City of Racine's Bulk Waste Site. All others should contact their solid waste collector for instruction.

**3. Where can I dispose of medications &/or sharps?** Call the City of Racine Health Department at 262.636.9203 or visit their website for drop box locations [www.cityofracine.org/environmental-health](http://www.cityofracine.org/environmental-health)

**4. How do I dispose of items NOT accepted at the HHW collection events?** Contact your village/town hall for recycling & disposal options. You can also contact area junk removal companies, local scrap yards, etc., for assistance.

This program is funded by and available to the residents of the City of Racine (zip codes 53401 to 53408), Village of Caledonia, Village of Elmwood Park, Village of Mount Pleasant, Village of North Bay, Village of Sturtevant and Village of Wind Point.



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