

# 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): in your household garbage. *Rechargeable batteries*: return to the place of purchase (Radio Shack, Wal-Mart, etc.). *Car, lawn mower, and boat batteries*: return to the place of purchase or call Aim 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. They can also be dropped off at HCPC during regular office hours.

**How about latex paint?** Latex paint can be disposed of with your household garbage if it is completely dry. To dry latex paint, open the can and allow the contents to dry. To speed the process, you can add kitty litter to the paint and the paint will be absorbed into the kitty litter. Latex paint can be disposed at several locations in the area (list on reverse page). Please call ahead for more information and requirements.

**What options are there for oil-based paint products?** A statewide paint recycling program for some paint products is pending. HCPC will inform towns when this program is implemented.

**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. Please contact us to find a retailer near you.

**Where can I dispose of refrigerators?** If your town holds a Bulky Waste Day that is the best solution or drop it off at your local transfer station if they accept them. If not, Aim Recycling 947-3710, located at 2630 Broadway, Bangor will accept them. If they do not contain freon they will accept them and pay you the light iron price. If they contain freon, they will accept them from you but will not pay anything for them.

**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. For 2015, the registration deadline is September 25.

For more information see:

<http://www.thinkfirstspraylast.org> or call 207-287-2731.

Areas businesses accepting paint:

**Paradis True Value Hardware**

31 Holland Ave  
Bar Harbor, ME 04609  
(207) 288-4995

**F T Brown**

106 Main St  
Northeast Harbor, ME 04662  
(207) 276-3329

**Sherwin-Williams**

43 Downeast Hwy  
Ellsworth, ME 04605  
(207) 667-2150

**Southwest Trustworthy Hardware**

345 Main St  
Southwest Harbor, ME 04679  
(207) 244-7243