

Do Evil Spirits Lurk in Your Home or Business?

MassToss Hazardous Waste & Bulky Recycling Collection

**** Pre-register 7 days ahead to receive line preference ****

Hazardous items collected

Household: Groton resident that registers, co-pay = \$10 for up to 25 gal. or lbs, otherwise
Member* town: fee \$35 for up to 10 gal. or 10 lbs, \$55 for up to 25 gal. or 25 lbs
Non-member town resident above fees plus \$25 user fee

Business: pre-register and bring your VSQG registration; fees based on items & volume; do not transport more than 55 gals.

From the Workbench:

- ✓ Paint Strippers/Thinners
- ✓ Solvent Adhesives
- ✓ Lighter Fluid
- ✓ Oil Based paint
- ✓ Used oil

From the Yard/Grounds:

- ✓ Poisons, Insecticides, Fungicides
- ✓ Chemical Fertilizers
- ✓ Weed Killers
- ✓ Moth Balls
- ✓ Flea Control Products

From the Garage:

- ✓ Fuels/Gasoline/Kerosene
- ✓ Engine Degreaser
- ✓ Brake Fluid/Carburetor Cleaner
- ✓ Transmission Fluid
- ✓ Car Wax, Polishes
- ✓ Driveway Sealer
- ✓ Roofing Tar
- ✓ Swimming Pool Chemicals



From the House/Building:

- ✓ Rubber Cement & Airplane Glue
- ✓ Fiberglass Resins
- ✓ Photo Chemicals
- ✓ Chemistry Sets
- ✓ Furniture Polish
- ✓ Floor & Metal Polish
- ✓ Oven Cleaner
- ✓ Drain & Toilet Cleaner
- ✓ Spot Remover
- ✓ Rug & Upholstery Cleaner
- ✓ Hobby Supplies, Artist Supplies
- ✓ Fluorescent lamps and bulbs

Safely Transport Hazardous Materials!

- Leave materials in original containers.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.
- Tighten caps and lids.
- Sort and pack separately
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes.
- Avoid spills, do not put items in garbage bags
- Pack your car and drive directly to the site.
- Never smoke while handling hazardous items

Bulky items collected

Accepted items, **no charge:**

- Batteries: button, rechargeable: NiCad, Lithium,
- Batteries: automotive & industrial lead acid
- Books, working video, CD, DVD, VHS, audio books, sports trading card, small sports memorabilia, LP records & comic books
- Cell phones
- Clean clothes & shoes
- Mercury thermometers, thermostats, compact and regular fluorescent bulbs
- Printer cartridges (ink & toner)
- Packing peanuts & bubble wrap

Accepted items, **fee varies, cash only:**

- ✓ Appliances, refrigerators (remove door), dehumidifiers, and air conditioners
- ✓ Electronics, TV's, computers, microwaves, stereos, most items with a cord
- ✓ Propane tanks 20# & less
- ✓ Scrap metal
- ✓ Tires

DATE: Saturday, May 2, 2009, 9am-1pm

PLACE: Devens DPW, 99 Buena Vista Street

WHO: Anyone, small business, non-residents

FEE: varies depending on volume & items

Simple Pre-registration: www.MassToss.com
or call Tessa at 978-660-6130

What to do with odd items

Do not bring:

- Latex Paint- -DRY out then throw out
- Wood – give away, list on Groton Free Stuff: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GrotonFreeStuff/>
- Smoke Detectors- -see if manufacturer will recycle; can be thrown out
- Alkaline batteries- - AAA to D throw out
- Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives- -give to the police
- Fire Extinguishers- have them refilled
- Prescription Medicines/Syringes-- DO NOT PUT DOWN THE DRAIN, Get a medical container, call the board of health, do not put in recycling.



PAINT TIP

Measure all surfaces to be painted. Once you have calculated the total square feet of paint required, divide this total by 400 (number of square feet one gallon of paint will cover).

How to reduce exposure:

- Read labels- before purchasing
- Read directions
- Prepare for spills
- Wear gloves
- Use salad oil to clean hands
- Read storage directions
- Use up
- Donate to friends, community organizations
- Dispose at special collections
- Never dump on ground

Don't stockpile hazardous products.

Protect Yourself
Your children,
Your employees
Your water supply
Our firefighters



Mercury - Covanta Energy reminds us that some common items contain mercury and should be handled carefully such as glass thermometers, old thermostats, and compact fluorescent bulbs and tubes.

- Never throw items containing mercury in the trash or recycling bin.
- Never pour mercury down the drain.
- Store in a safe place, such as an unbreakable plastic container. If you break something with mercury in it in call 1-866-9MERCURY 1-866-963-7287 or www.keepmercuryfromrising.org



WHERE TO DISPOSE OF PROPERLY

1. Register at www.MassToss.com for North Central Mass events:

May 2, 2009, 9am-1pm
Devens DPW, 99 Buena Vista Street

Sept. 26, 2009, 9am-1pm
Lunenburg DPW, 520 Chase Rd, MA13

2. Permanent Locations:

- ✓ Lexington 978-683-1002
<http://ci.lexington.ma.us/OCD/Health/HazWaste.htm>
- ✓ Clean Harbors in Braintree 781-849-1800x3466

3. Or Call your Board of Health

Find out where to take all your recyclables:

www.Cleanup.org, or call 1-800-cleanup

The average household throws 15.5 pounds of hazardous materials into the trash each year.

Read labels and look for signal words:

Poison, Danger, Warning or Caution

These federally mandated words indicate the degree of immediate hazard posed by the product.

Poison- the product is highly toxic

Danger- indicates that a product is extremely hazardous either because it is poisonous, flammable or corrosive

Warning or caution- indicates products that are somewhat less hazardous