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**11 Towns to host Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
Scheduled for June 8th**

LITCHFIELD, CT – Spring cleaning? Remember to set aside any household hazardous waste you may have for the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024, at the Falls Village Highway Garage on Railroad Street from 9AM to 12PM. **All participants must obtain a ticket from their town or city hall to participate.**

Many of the products routinely used for housework, gardening, home improvement, or car maintenance contain hazardous materials that may endanger our health and pollute the environment. Household products are considered hazardous if they are toxic, flammable, reactive, or corrosive. Examples of such products include pesticides, herbicides, oil-based paints, degreasers, household cleaners, paint thinners, and gasoline.

Improper disposal of these hazardous household products, such as pouring them down the drain or putting them in the trash, is dangerous and may contribute to drinking water contamination and air pollution.

NHCOG Recycling Advisory Committee chair, and Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand said of the upcoming event, "Our communities are more aware than ever of the negative impacts household hazardous materials can have on their health, their property, and the environment. It's important to dispose of these materials properly so they don't end up in the municipal solid waste stream, creating safety hazards for our transfer station workers, haulers, and landfill workers. Hosting these events provides our communities with a convenient, safe way to properly dispose of these materials."

Residents from participating towns must register and obtain a ticket from their Town Hall in order to participate in the Collection Day. Registration is open through June 6th.

Contact your town hall to register. The 11 participating towns are: Canaan/Falls Village (860.824.0707), Cornwall (860.672.4959), Goshen (860.491.2308), Harwinton (860.485.2784),

Kent (860.927.4627), Litchfield (860.567.7550), Norfolk (860.542.5829), North Canaan (860.824.7313), Salisbury (860.435.5170), Sharon (860.364.5789), and Torrington (860.489.2232).

There is no charge to participants. The event is being sponsored by the Recycling Advisory Committee of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments and the participating towns listed above. More details can be found in the attached flyer, on the NHCOC website, or at a participating town hall.

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About the Northwest Hills Council Of Governments

The Northwest Hills Council Of Governments is the regional planning agency for the 21 towns of the northwest hills including: Barkhamsted, Burlington, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Torrington, Warren, Washington, and Winchester. For more information, visit www.northwesthillscog.org.