

# 2023



SOUTHERN WINDSOR / WINDHAM COUNTIES  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

# Athens Recycles

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection



[www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org](http://www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org)

802-674-9235

### No more 4-hour collections.

The District opened a permanent, seasonal household hazardous waste (HHW) Depot in 2022. It is open from May through September, **by appointment only**. There is a nominal charge—\$10 for up to 10 gallons/car. Small businesses can also participate by appointment and by paying for their disposal costs. Call 802-674-9235 to make appointment.

#### Bring:

aerosols  
antifreeze  
automotive products  
gasoline  
hobby chemicals  
household cleaners  
kerosene  
mercury thermometers  
mercury thermostats  
paint  
paint cleaners  
pesticides  
pool chemicals

*Bring in a mercury thermometer—get a free digital thermometer.*

#### Do NOT Bring:

asbestos  
ammunition  
fireworks  
medical waste  
medicines  
radioactive material

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Transfer stations take:

- ♦ computers, printers
- ♦ household batteries
- ♦ fluorescent bulbs

*All for free.*

*There is a bucket outside of the Town Office for 24/7 collection of: AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, rechargeable, and hearing aid batteries.*

All wastes in 55-gallon drums—**MUST** call ahead



#### Unwanted medication

drop boxes are located at police departments in: Bellows Falls, Ludlow, Springfield, and Windsor—easy and safe.



**Used motor oil** is accepted at Adams Trucking and Excavating at 151 Saxtons River Road in Westminster (802-463-2213), and Matulonis Body Shop in Springfield (802-885-5000).

Call first to confirm. These businesses want the oil to be “**clean**” - no water, no antifreeze, no other fluids mixed with it.

Both oil-based and latex **paint** are accepted **year-round, for free**, by Bibens Home Center and Sherwin-Williams in Springfield. The paint cans must not be rusty or leaky.



Bring the rusty, leaky cans, if there is still paint in them, to the permanent HHW Depot in Springfield.

# Recyclables & Trash

Athens has curbside trash pick-up every other Monday morning. Trash needs to be placed in Town of Athens bags which can be purchased for \$3.50 each at the Town Office on Mondays between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm or by other arrangement with the Town Clerk, 802-869-3370.

Recycling is picked up every other week on Monday and is free of charge. Recyclables (paper, aluminum, cardboard, steel, glass, and #1 and #2 hard plastics) need to be clean, dry, and in an appropriate container. For specifics, ask the trash hauler. For recycling dates, contact the Town Office or check the calendar on the Town's website, [www.athensvt.com](http://www.athensvt.com). Both services are open to all residents of Athens.

There are other materials that can and need to be recycled. Items described below are accepted at the Rockingham Transfer Station, 7446 Route 5 (just south of Bellows Falls Union High School) which is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. All vehicles using the facility must display a current access permit which may be purchased at the Rockingham Town Hall.

All kinds of batteries are accepted and recycled **for free** at the Rockingham Transfer Station: AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, watch, and rechargeable batteries.



Fluorescent tubes (10/visit) and bulbs (unlimited number) have mercury in them so they need to be disposed of properly. The Rockingham Transfer Station accepts them **for free**.



Televisions, computer monitors, printers, hard-drives, and peripherals are recycled **for free** at the Transfer Station.

Useable, saleable **clothing** is accepted at the SEVCA Good Buy Store at 45 Rockingham Street, at the Community Closet Thrift Store in the basement of the Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St., and in the textile box in the parking lot at the Moose Family Center on Henry Street. All in Bellows Falls. Ask if they will take clean and dry linens, shoes, purses, belts, gloves, towels, sheets, and stuffed animals.

## Backyard Composters for Sale

The District is offering Soil Saver composters for sale for **\$65**. The 100% recycled plastic composter is 28" wide x 28" deep x 32" high and has a 10-year manufacturer's guarantee.



We also sell Sure-Close food-scrap pails for \$6 each.

**To order**, call 802-674-9235 for an order form or download one from the District's website, [www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org](http://www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org).

## Backyard Composting Workshops

The District has a video about composting by our own Master Composter, Ham Gillett. Just go to the District website, [www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org](http://www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org) and scroll down on the home page until you see the link.

There is also additional composting information on our website.

***As of July 1, 2020, food scraps were banned from the trash. Compost them in your backyard, bring them to the transfer station, or pay for pickup.***