

Minuteman Household Hazardous Products Regional Facility

Arlington residents help protect the environment by taking common household hazardous products to the Minuteman Facility on Hartwell Avenue in Lexington. The regional site is a cooperative effort to make disposal of unneeded household hazardous products as convenient for residents and as economical for communities as possible.

Hazardous household products cause environmental and health problems. Disposal of hazardous products in our regular trash is a serious problem. It would be best to avoid such products. There are good, safe substitutes for almost all of them. Proper disposal of toxic material reduces the danger to our environment.

We have made great progress in removing toxic materials from the waste stream. But we still have a long way to go.

PLEASE consider carpooling to reduce traffic congestion and costs.

Coordinating with your neighbors helps reduce the number of car trips to this facility. The town is billed on a per-car basis.

There is no fee for this service for Arlington Residents.

Transportation Tips

- Drive directly to the Center
- Leave materials in original containers
- **Never mix chemicals**
- Tighten caps and lids
- Pad boxes with newspaper to minimize spills
- No bicycles or pedestrians allowed at the site
- **Do not smoke**

Directions

Proceed west on Massachusetts Avenue through Lexington Center. Pass the Minuteman statue on your left and keep going straight about 2 miles. Move to the right lane shortly after crossing I-95 and turn right to get to Hartwell Avenue. Shortly after passing the light at the bike path, turn left at the sign for the Minuteman Hazardous Waste and Composting Facility and follow the signs and directions of the volunteer traffic coordinators.

Procedure at the site

1. The process may be slow. Allow sufficient time when you visit.
2. Show your identification as an Arlington resident to the volunteer who will complete a registration form.
3. At the next station the contractor will take the form, inspect what you are bringing, and mark the form.

is used to allocate costs to the participating communities.

4. You will be directed to the unloading station as space becomes available. The contractor will take the hazardous materials from your car. **Please remain in your vehicle at all time.**
5. Please exit slowly, knowing you have done the right thing with your hazardous material.
6. No bicycles allowed on this property.
7. **Do not make multiple trips.** This slows down the event and it increases the cost to your town, as each town is assessed a fee based on the quantity of material, per car, brought to the site.
8. The Minuteman Hazardous Products Facility reserves the right to refuse unidentified materials or unacceptable amounts of hazardous waste.
9. **COVID-19 Rules for 2020**
 - Hazardous materials will ONLY be accepted from trunks, the backs of SUV's and backs of pick up trucks
 - DO NOT exit your vehicle
 - Face coverings are MANDATORY
 - Do NOT roll down vehicle windows
 - License MUST be available and held up to window
 - NO containers will be returned

What to bring to the collection

Fertilizers, Pesticides, Herbicides:

Insecticides, rat poisons, slug bait, mothballs/crystals, weed killers, flea and roach powders, insect repellent, fertilizer.

Paints, Solvents and Sealers:

Oil-based paints and stains, paint thinners and strippers, varnishes, shellacs and lacquers, metal polishes, aerosols.

Automotive Products:

Antifreeze, automotive batteries, brake fluid, degreasers, oil and fuel containers, engine cleaners, gas and gas mixtures, tar remover, tire cleaners, used oil, waxes and polishes, waste oil.

Cleaners:

Bleach, spot removers, oven cleaners, wood & furniture polishes, disinfectants, rug & toilet cleaners, nail polish and polish remover, drain cleaners.

Miscellaneous:

Pool chemicals, poisons, old chemistry sets, kerosene, dyes, lighter fluids.

Businesses and Residents of other towns: The Minuteman Facility will accept toxic waste from Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) for a fee. Call Krista Gloden at Clean Harbors at **860-883-3996** for pricing information and schedules. Residents outside of the regional organization may also pay to use the facility, checks only.

Please do not bring

- Water-based paints and stains - dry out and put in the trash (kitty litter or paint-hardener can help)
- Fluorescent bulbs – bring to Wanamaker True Value Hardware or R.W. Shattuck ACE Hardware
- Thermostats and thermometers- bring to Arlington DPW
- Prescription or narcotic drugs - take to the Police Department 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 112 Mystic St.
- Electronics with screens- bring the following to Arlington DPW for a fee: televisions and computer monitors (\$10), laptops (\$5)
- Smoke detectors – send back to manufacturer or put into the regular trash
- Propane tanks- drop off at Arlington DPW, no fee up to 20 lbs.
- Waste oil can also be returned to the place of purchase (service stations)
- Medical waste -check with your medical practitioner
- Medical sharps- free collection events annually, see town calendar for dates
- Explosives and ammunition
- Asbestos or demolition debris
- Radioactive materials

Arlington Public Works

51 Grove Street, Arlington, MA

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00PM,
Thursday evening until 7:00 PM
(781) 316-3108

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2020 Schedule

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

July 18- no registration

August 15- register ahead

Sept. 20 (Sunday)- register ahead

October 11- register ahead

November 7- register ahead

Register at arlingtonma.gov/recycle



**60 Hartwell Avenue
Lexington, MA**