

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY FAQ

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District is a member union municipality comprised of 19 member cities and towns.

Q: What is Household Hazardous Waste?

A: Household hazardous waste (HHW) includes common household products such as:

- Chemical cleaners
- Adhesives
- Aerosol spray cans
- Automotive fluids
- Oil, gas, and other fuels
- Paints, stains, sealers, and solvents
- Pesticides/herbicides

To identify HHW, look for capitalized signal words at the bottom of the front label that say, *“CAUTION, WARNING, TOXIC, DANGER, HAZARD, POISONOUS, REACTIVE, CORROSIVE, or FLAMMABLE.”*



Q: Why is properly disposing of HHW important?

A: Proper disposal of HHW is essential to the health of Vermonters and our soil, air and water. It is important to keep these chemicals from going to the landfill or down the drain because they contaminate our waste water treatment plants and water.

Removing these materials from our homes and disposing of them properly protects the health and safety of families, pets and our environment. CVSWMD provides annual seasonal HHW collection events for our residents. Learn how to dispose of your HHW and reduce your use of hazardous products at cvswmd.org/hazardous-waste.

Q: How will this facility operate?

A: Year-round, our trained staff will collect HHW materials and ship them off for safe processing and disposal regularly. We will relocate our administrative offices and award-winning Additional Recyclables Collection Center to this site for convenient access to all of CVSWMD's programs and services.

Q: How will this facility benefit residents?

A: Our HHW operations will be open three days a week, year-round for shorter wait times and more convenient access. CVSWMD will continue to provide quality service to residents with improved access to all of our programs in one location. In the future, we plan to build onto the existing garage to expand our programs and services.

Q: How will it Affect the surrounding area?

A: The site is in an industrial area with convenient access to businesses and the highway. No significant emissions or fumes will come from this facility and there is a generous buffer on all sides. The facility will be open three days a week, and we expect a volume of around 40 cars per day when we are open. The site is currently home to a crane operation and a mobile home company, so there will less truck traffic in our planned use.

Q: Will it be safe?

A: The facility's design and operations put safety first. Our facility and staff have specialized equipment and training. Hazardous waste will be stored for no more than 3 months and then shipped out for processing. HHW can be found in most Vermont homes and is stored for 7 years on average - reducing that storage time and disposing of HHW properly is safer for everyone.

Q: What if an emergency occurs?

A: The facility will have built-in safety measures with rigorous safety protocols to reduce risk and prevent incidents. Our staff are competent HHW professionals trained to handle emergency situations. We will collaborate with firefighters and other emergency personnel to help them respond to potential incidents involving hazardous materials. The facility is well above the flood zone. In the event of a natural disaster, like the flood of 2023, we will work with state and local partners to respond and handle wastes more quickly and effectively.

Q: When will you be open?

A: This facility will open at 300 Granger Road in Berlin in Spring 2025. Stay tuned to our website and social media for updates on open hours and fees!



Questions, comments or concerns?

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