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## **REMINDER:** You Can Bring Household Hazardous Waste to New Canaan Saturday, Sept 15

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Darien residents are invited to drop off their household hazardous waste in New Canaan on Saturday, Sept. 15, at no charge.

Farther away, there's a household hazardous waste drop-off event scheduled for the following Saturday, Sept. 22, in Westport.

The final drop-off event available to Darienites for this year will be on Oct. 13 in Wilton.

*Here's* the announcement from New Canaan Public Works Department (slightly edited):

New Canaan Public Works Department will hold a household hazardous waste collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at <u>394 Main St.</u>

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Household hazardous wastes are any products that can be classified as toxic, corrosive, flammable or reactive and can be found in most homes, garages and workshops. Ninety-nine percent of all hazardous material is disposed of in incinerators designed for this purpose.

Residents are urged to make plans now to organize specific items for transportation to the collection area.

The drop-off site will be open to New Canaan residents along with surrounding area Towns that have recently formed a recycling group. Group members are as follows: Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston, Westport and Wilton.

Identification, such as driver's license will be required. <u>No materials produced from a commercial</u> <u>establishment will be accepted!</u>

- <u>Please note that New Canaan will not be accepting any paints from Darien, Stamford, Westport</u> <u>or Wilton.</u>
- These towns have the availability to take paints to stores that receive old paints through the Paint Care Program. Contact your Public Works Departments for a list of stores that will accept old paints.
- [From the Darien Department of Public Works' own announcement about household hazardous waste days: "The town of Darien has a paint recycling collection site at the Darien Transfer Station year-round to Darien residents that possess a dump sticker. Contact DPW at 203-656-7346 or visit web page for more information."]

Surrounding towns will be billed accordingly.

If residents can't make the New Canaan Drop-Off date they can, at no charge to them, bring their materials to

- the Westport Yard Waste Site at 180 Bayberry Lane, Westport on Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at
- the Wilton Miller-Driscoll School 217 Wolfpit Road on Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

[Darien residents can do the same.]

Jim Rogers, Superintendent at the New Canaan Wastewater Plant, has urged residents to heed the following rules.

• Bring materials in original containers securely closed.

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- Pack containers in a sturdy upright box or boxes and pad with newspaper if necessary.
- Never mix chemicals together.
- Never smoke or eat while handling hazardous materials.
- Leaking or broken containers must be contained.
- Officials at drop-off sites will remove materials. Do not leave vehicle unless asked to do so.

Residents will not be charged for the disposal.

Please direct all questions to the New Canaan Transfer Station at 203-594-3701.

Garbage haulers have requested that none of these materials are to be left for them to pick up. Residents must bring the materials to the drop off site themselves.

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