



Got Construction or Renovation Plans ?

Safe Waste Disposal Guidelines for Durham Residents

Planning Construction or Renovation:

Do you ever wonder what happens to wastes that accompany home construction or renovation projects ? Some of the waste is hazardous and needs to be disposed of with care. Recognizing the need for better education in this matter, the Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee is providing this information sheet. Homeowners are encouraged to work with their contractors to help separate those materials that are potentially harmful to the environment. Note that many materials may be recycled at the Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF) on Durham Point Road. The attendant will help you to find the appropriate disposal areas.

Lead: in drain pipes and copper pipe joined by lead solder. These materials can be placed in the scrap metal pile for recycling at the Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF) on Durham Point Road.

Pressure treated or stained/painted wood: can be RECYCLED at the SWMF. Other items that can also be RECYCLED in the C & D (construction and demolition debris) roll-off include **pallets, asphalt shingles, porcelain, sheetrock and pressboard (chipboard).** ***See bulky waste coupon requirements _

Oil base paints and stains: can be RECYCLED at the SWMF (must be in original containers)

Refrigeration and air conditioning units: [using chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) such as Freon]. These must be taken to the SWMF where the CFCs are removed. A \$10.00 sticker is now required to cover the cost of CFC removal. Stickers may be purchased at the Durham Public Works office on Stone Quarry Drive.

Solvents, thinners, foundation coatings, water proofing tars, epoxies, roofing cements, mercury (in thermostats and toggle switches): are hazardous waste and should be saved to be disposed of on hazardous waste collection dates. Mixed paints and paint not in its original container must also be disposed of at a hazardous waste collection.

Asbestos: possibly a component of textured ceilings, steam and hot water pipe insulation, siding, roofing, flooring and millboard (an older version of concrete board, now replaced by "Durarock" concrete board). Items containing asbestos must be disposed of in a specialty certified lined landfill. (Our regional landfill meets this requirement.) Asbestos should not be removed or handled by untrained people because of respiratory health hazards. Materials Safety Data Sheets from the supplier would reveal asbestos content in any new products. Contact the NH Department of Environmental Services at 603-271-2925 for detailed information.

Transformers: used for wiring doorbells and HVAC systems (heating, ventilating and air conditioning). Older types may contain PCBs (polychlorobiphenyls), which are a hazardous waste and may only be disposed of in a specialty certified lined landfill. (Our regional landfill meets this requirement.) Newer transformers may have a sticker that reads "does not contain PCBs". If you don't see this information you should assume PCBs are present. Keep transformers, and all hazardous materials, away from small children.

Smoke Detectors (ionization type) contain very low levels of radioactive material, but can be disposed of in the regular trash according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

***Residents or taxpayers, who wish to use the SWMF, must purchase an annual entrance permit. Two bulky waste coupons are issued with this permit. Each coupon is good for up to a pick-up truck load of material. Permits are available at Durham Public Works, 100 Stone Quarry Drive from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30, Monday through Friday. A temporary construction permit may be purchased for \$65.00 that allows a contractor working for a Durham resident or taxpayer to drop off up to a one-ton truck full of bulky waste, one time during a six-day

period. The resident or taxpayer must purchase permits prior to making the trip to the SWMF. An attendant will direct the appropriate separation of materials at the SWMF.