

How to Properly Dispose of Lightbulbs, Batteries and other Materials

Questions have recently been posed regarding the proper disposal of items such as the various types of light bulbs and batteries. Everyone wants to do the right (recycling) thing, but some items are more confusing than others. Below is a summary of ways to properly dispose of various common household items.

Items that can be recycled should be put out for regular recycling collection (Wednesdays for properties located WEST of Connecticut Avenue and Thursdays for households located EAST of Connecticut Avenue). Materials considered hazardous can be collected by Village Public Works staff for transport to the county's .

Lightbulbs:

Incandescent and halogen bulbs may be placed in the regular household trash. All other bulbs, including fluorescent tubes and LED fixtures, should be disposed of as hazardous waste. Many Home Depot stores collect light bulbs. Here is a link from Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection providing information on other drop off sites:

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/material.aspx?tag=lights&material_key=29

Batteries:

Effective as of July of this year, the county's household hazardous waste drop-off accepts all types of batteries. Residents are encouraged to collect batteries until you have accumulated a sufficient quantity and then request a hazardous waste pick up from the Village—see below for more information. Additionally, there are several locations locally that will accept certain types of batteries. Here is a link to locate a local drop off site, and to view a list of the types of batteries accepted:

<https://www.call2recycle.org/>

Requesting a Hazardous Waste Collection from the Village:

The Public Works Department provides a monthly **hazardous waste collection** service along with its weekly special pickup and garden debris collection. This service is provided on the **second Wednesday of each month**. Requests for hazardous waste collection must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. on the Tuesday immediately preceding the collection date (the day before the second Wednesday of the month). Residents may request a pick-up by calling the 24-hour Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 or by submitting a Public Works Work Order available online at:

<https://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/FormCenter/>

Hazardous items must be transported to the County's Transfer Station the same day they are collected. For program cost-effectiveness, residents who have individual items (i.e., fluorescent lights bulbs, etc.) are encouraged to request a hazardous waste pickup once multiple items have been accumulated. For more information regarding the Village's hazardous waste collection service, visit:

<https://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/153/Hazardous-Waste-Collection>