

## Summer 2019 Newsletter from the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance



**2019 Household Hazardous Waste Events:** We will hold our next event on September 14, 2019 at the **Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset, VT** from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Bring any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, USE IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT. The collection event is free for residents and proof of residency will be required. Small businesses must pre-register and pre-pay for the amount delivered no later than August 30, 2019. Full details of the event and list of acceptable/not acceptable materials are at

<https://www.bcswavt.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Dorset-September-14-2019-Flyer.pdf>. For more information or to pre-register your business, contact Michael Batcher at [mbatcher@bcrcvt.org](mailto:mbatcher@bcrcvt.org), or (802) 442-0713 x 2.

**Paint, batteries bulbs and electronic waste:** If you can't wait for our event, don't want to sit in line or need to get rid of stuff now, Vermont has several programs for the collection of items banned from landfills. These include ***architectural paints, alkaline and rechargeable batteries and cell phones, mercury thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, prescription medications and electronics***. Retailers, transfer stations, and other locations serve as drop off sites for disposal of these hazardous waste items. Visit our [website](#) and click on the "Programs and Projects" tab where you will find where you can dispose of these and other materials for **free**.

**Business, Institution, Event and School Outreach:** The Alliance provides assistance to businesses, schools, institutions and for events on recycling, food scrap diversion, managing hazardous materials and other solid waste issues. Paula Kamperman is our Outreach Program Manager and can be reached at 518-788-2553 or [paulakamperman@gmail.com](mailto:paulakamperman@gmail.com). She can also provide you with handouts on many subjects and point you to resources on our website and other sources of great information.

**Be Careful What You Put Down the Drain:** Many materials, especially household hazardous waste, should NOT be poured down the drain, either to a septic tank or field or to wastewater treatment plants. These chemicals are toxic, will kill the organisms that break down waste, and will enter surface and groundwater supplies. Flushing prescription drugs down the toilet should also be avoided as these have been shown to harm fish and amphibians. Visit <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/sludge-septage-residual-waste/> for more information that will protect our water supplies.



**Next BCSWA Board Meeting:** The next BCSWA board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Arlington Town Hall 3828 Vermont Route 7A, Arlington, VT 05250. An agenda will be at [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) at least two weeks prior to the meeting.



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