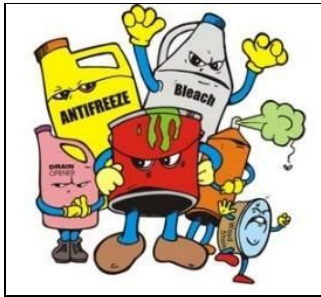


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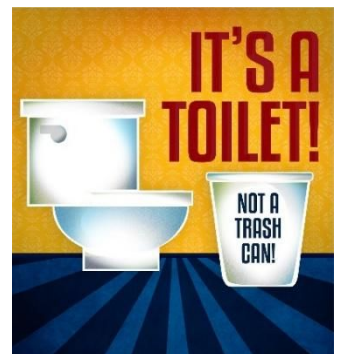


2019 Household Hazardous Waste Events: The Alliance held a spring event in Bennington and a fall event in Dorset in 2019. A total of 446 households participated. Visit www.bcswavt.org and look for information on how to dispose of ***architectural paints, alkaline and rechargeable batteries and cell phones, mercury thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, prescription medications and electronics***. Contact Michael Batcher at mbatcher@bcrcvt.org, or (802) 442-0713 x 2 if you have questions.

Sharps: If you use sharps including needles, and need to dispose of them, visit <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/what-do-i-do-with/> and scroll down to ‘Needles and Sharps’ on how to seal them in a sturdy container for disposal. Sharps can’t be recycled and are dangerous if not disposed of properly.

Business, Institution, Event and School Outreach: The Alliance provides assistance to businesses, schools, institutions and event organizers 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. 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.



Reduce Your Waste During the Holidays: Visit <http://foodshift.net/blog/8-tips-reduce-waste-thanksgiving/> on ways to reduce food waste during the holidays. Better meal planning, creative cooking with leftovers, composting, and giving extra food to those in need by donating to food pantries can all help reduce waste and save money. For the holidays, using recycled wrapping paper, avoiding unnecessary packaging, sending electronic cards instead of paper cards and other planning can save a lot of waste at this time of year.

Next BCSWA Board Meeting: The next BCSWA board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 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 at least two weeks prior to the meeting.



Need More Information? Visit www.bcswavt.org to find information on recycling, composting, disposing prescription drugs, and services offered by waste haulers and to sign up for newsletters and announcements.