

## Chemical, Hazardous Waste and Paint Acceptance Policy at Warwickshire's Household Waste Recycling Centre

The deposit of household hazardous chemical and liquid paint waste is strictly controlled at Warwickshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres and all visits need to be pre-booked by completing a Chemical Waste Disposal Form in advance.

### **Where?**

Hazardous chemical and liquid paint waste is only accepted at two of Warwickshire's recycling centres; Princes Drive (Leamington Spa), Lower House Farm (near Atherstone). Paint waste is currently not being accepted at Stockton Household Waste Recycling as it is recently reopened following the Covid-19 pandemic, and household wastes are being prioritised over non-household wastes (such as paint waste).

All **water-based** paint, in their original container, displaying **no** hazard symbols will be classified as non-hazardous wastes. If the container is less than half-full, it will **not** be accepted through the Chemical Waste Disposal Form. Instead, all such containers of **water-based** paints need to be disposed of through the following process:

- Remove the lid of each container
- Allow the paint to solidify over the course of 48 hours or longer if needed
- Top up each container with an absorbent material like soil, sand, sawdust or cat litter
- Dispose of these now solid wastes through the kerbside residual waste bin (home rubbish wheelie bin) or the Waste to Landfill bin during your pre-booked visit to dispose of your other paint & chemical wastes

All chemical wastes in a **solid** form, in their original container, displaying **no** hazard symbols will be classified as non-hazardous wastes. All non-hazardous **solid** chemical wastes can be deposited in the Waste to Landfill container during your pre-booked visit to dispose of your other chemical & paint wastes.

Alternatively, non-hazardous water-based paint & solid chemical waste, that is reusable, can be donated to family, friends or a local voluntary group which is undertaking a project that requires such materials.

### **When?**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the requirement to enforce social distancing. Hazardous chemical & paint waste can only be accepted during a 10-minute time slot between the following times:

Princes Drive:	Chemical & Paint waste - Thursdays between <b>13:00</b> and <b>15:00</b> (a time will be given to you during the booking process).
Lower House Farm:	Chemical & Paint waste - Tuesdays between <b>14:00</b> and <b>15:00</b> (a time will be given to you during the booking process).

## How?

All visits with hazardous chemical & paint waste need to be pre-booked. Please follow the guidance below:

1. Fill out the Chemical Waste Disposal Form from [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/chemicalwaste](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/chemicalwaste) or call us on 01926 412593 to request a paper version of the form – this must include an accurate description of the waste type, quantities of waste and information on your preferred drop-off centre and dates etc.
2. Return the completed form to: Waste Management, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4RL or email to [chemicalwaste@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:chemicalwaste@warwickshire.gov.uk)
3. Await confirmation\*\* that your chemicals can be accepted and when you are able to take them. This will be done via email (please check your spam folder if you do not receive a reply) or via a letter for all paper forms.

\*\*Please allow 10 working days to process.

## What are Chemical and Hazardous Wastes?

Examples of chemical and hazardous waste include (but are not restricted to):

• Household products – all types of paint (not including water-based paint), paint thinners, oven cleaners, bleach or other strong cleaners and disinfectants, adhesives, photographic chemicals, inks, thermometers
• Garden products – pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, weed killers, wood preservatives and varnishes
• Car maintenance products – antifreeze, brake fluid, lubricants, degreaser

## How Much Can I Take?

Paint	The maximum size of container accepted is 10 litres The maximum volume of paint accepted per visit is 25 litres The maximum number of visits allowed is 1 visit per month per household
Chemical/Hazardous Waste	The maximum size of container accepted is 5 litres The maximum volume of chemical waste accepted per visit is 5 litres The maximum number of visits allowed is 1 visit per month per household

## Terms and Conditions

1. Chemical & paint waste **only** will be accepted via this procedure. **All other** wastes will **not** be accepted. If you wish to dispose of other types of waste, please book yourself via this link: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc>
2. Members of staff will not be able to help you unload your chemical & paint waste on site. If you have any items which are too heavy for you, **please bring someone with you to unload your waste on site**
3. Please note that we are not able to collect your paint / chemical waste(s).
4. Please note that chemicals and hazardous wastes from businesses, charities or any part of the National Health Service are not accepted.
5. Warwickshire County Council will only accept paint and chemical wastes in containers which do not leak.

6. Warwickshire County Council will not accept any radioactive or explosive wastes such as fireworks or flares.

If you require any further information or advice about this service, please contact the Waste Management Group on **01926 412593**.