



**Columbia County news release:**

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**The next Columbia County FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be in Clatskanie at the Clatskanie City Park on October 3, 2020 from 8 a.m. - NOON.**

Due to COVID19, three Household Hazardous Waste Collections were canceled, we are hopeful we will be able to offer the collection event on October 3rd from 8am – NOON. Please check the Columbia County website for further updates <http://www.co.columbia.or.us/HazardousWaste>.

**Extra safety measures will be in place. Please be patient, unloading may take a few extra minutes. We ask that you have all your household hazardous waste in the truck bed or trunk or hatchback of your car, not a passenger compartment. Also, please remain in your vehicle at all times while at the collection site unless otherwise directed.**

Columbia County is giving residents a chance to clean out their homes of toxic items before winter sets in by hosting a household hazardous waste event in Clatskanie on Saturday, October 3, 2020. A host of toxic and unsafe materials can be brought to the free event at Clatskanie City Park from 8 a.m. to noon.

Items must be in containers of less than five gallons and should be secured safely during transport. Trained household hazardous waste technicians will unload materials from vehicles.

The following items will be accepted:

- ammunition
- fireworks and flares
- gas / diesel / fuels
- lawn and garden chemicals
- herbicides and pesticides
- pool and spa chemicals
- light ballasts—please remove from light fixture
- fluorescent tubes
- art and hobby chemicals

- solvents and thinners
- items containing mercury
- propane cylinders
- compressed gas cylinders
- batteries - car, rechargeable, button —no alkaline batteries
- cleaners and detergents
- paint and paint products (latex and acrylic paint, oil-based paint, enamel, stains, lacquers, shellacs, varnishes, primers)
- poisons
- used motor oil and antifreeze
- Medical sharps in OSHA-approved, puncture-proof containers.

No garbage, trash or any item containing asbestos will be taken.

Columbia County sponsors free household hazardous waste events (for county residents only) in various locations throughout the area. The next event takes place Saturday, October 24, 2020 at the Columbia County Transfer Station.

For more information, email Kathy Boutin-Pasterz at [kathleen.boutin-pasterz@columbiacountyor.gov](mailto:kathleen.boutin-pasterz@columbiacountyor.gov) or call her at 503-397-7259.

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#### **ABOUT COLUMBIA COUNTY'S SOLID WASTE PROGRAM**

Columbia County plans, organizes and directs recycling, reuse, waste reduction and household hazardous waste management throughout its 657 square-mile area. The county operates a transfer station in St. Helens and administers the solid waste collection franchises within the unincorporated area of the county.