

CITY OF BRISTOL – PUBLIC WORKS

19.5 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

1. Policy Name:

19.5 Household Hazardous Waste

2. Responsible Division and effective date.

Public Works Operations Division, Solid Waste
Effective 100207, revised 07/16/15, 5/23/17

3. Rationale or Purpose

This policy addresses the disposal of household hazardous wastes to avoid potential contamination if hazardous waste were commingled with regular rubbish or recycle.

4. Policy Statement

The City offers residents the ability to participate in annual Household Hazardous Waste collection events. These are currently provided by BRRFOC/Tunxis Recycling. Specific dates can be found on their website www.brrfoc.org.

5. Scope

This policy applies to all Bristol residents. Household Hazard Waste is defined as: Pesticides and poisons, herbicides and weed-killers, oil-based paint, paint thinners, varnish, hobby and photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, household cleaners and disinfectants, antifreeze, fertilizers, and mercury.

Prohibited Items:

Car and lead acid batteries, Tires, empty aerosols or other empty containers, smoke detectors, Shock Sensitive materials, Radioactive materials, propane tanks, Asbestos, Lead dust, joint compound, Sand blasting grit, explosives, PCB's DDT, Dioxin/dioxin forming materials, Infectious or biological wastes, Medicines/syringes, Commercial or industrial waste, computers and electronic equipment, fire extinguishers.

6. Definitions

Hazardous waste means that portion of solid waste which by reason of its composition or characteristics is:

- (1) Hazardous waste as defined in the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq., 40 CFR 261.3, and the regulations thereunder, or in section 22a-209-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and any succeeding legislation or regulations or amendments to the foregoing; or
- (2) Any other materials which any governmental agency or unit having appropriate jurisdiction shall determine from time to time is harmful, toxic or dangerous, or otherwise ineligible for disposal through the a resource recovery facility; and
- (3) Any material which would result in process residue being hazardous waste under subsection (1) or (2) above.

7. Roles/Responsibilities

The Superintendent of Solid Waste Operations coordinates Bristol's Household Hazardous Waste collection. He also arranges to provide volunteers (Bristol Police Explorers), to provide employees of Public Works and Bristol Police Department, and to control traffic patterns at the event. BRRFOC oversees the Household Hazardous Waste contractor. Public Works is responsible for educating residents of hazardous waste policies and for communicating the schedule of hazardous waste collections.

Public Works will periodically audit solid waste collections to ensure compliance with recycling and hazardous waste mandates.

Residents are responsible for keeping hazardous waste from entering the municipal solid waste stream.

Residents are responsible for bringing hazardous waste to a scheduled Household Hazardous Waste collection event.

8. References

Tunxis Recycling's web site www.brrfoc.org

9. Consequences of Non-Compliance

Warnings and Violations:

Public Works will attempt to educate residents who are not in compliance with mandates.

If violations continue after an attempt to educate, a warning citation will be issued.

Continued violations will result in a citation. Each day any violation of this policy is continued, such violation shall be deemed a separate offense and be penalized/fined as such.

Approved by: Board of Public Works

Date: 10/02/07, 07/16/2015, 5/23/17

Review cycle: Annual

For more information see the City's website."