

Earth Day Spring Cleaning:

Have you heard the peepers croaking? Or perhaps the warblers singing? These are telltale signs of spring in Dutchess County, and that can mean the beginning of spring cleaning for many residents!

Reduce

Reuse



Recycle

Repeat

As Earth Day approaches on April 22nd, we want to take a moment to inventory what we can do to lessen our impact on our environment. This includes the responsible disposal of unused and unwanted items. Sorting through your items can be a daunting task, but Dutchess County has some helpful tips and resources to make it easier!

Textiles	Clothing drop-off bins, homeless shelters, or thrift stores.
Books	Little libraries, public libraries, homeless shelters, or thrift stores.
Electronics	Depending on the item, retailers like Staples and Best Buy may take them. Some transfer stations will accept them, as well as the Dutchess County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off events .
Paint	<u>Latex-based</u> paint can be dried out with litter or another drying agent, and once completely dry, placed in the trash. <u>Oil-based as well as latex</u> paint can be taken to participating Paint Care drop off locations like William's Lumber, Sherwin Williams, and Page Lumber.
Batteries	Ordinary alkaline batteries like AA, AAA, C, and D can be placed in the trash after taping the ends. Rechargeable batteries can come to our HHW drop-off events or to participating electronics recyclers like Staples , Best Buy , Lowe's , or Home Depot . Car batteries must be taken to an auto shop.
Light Bulbs	CFL bulbs can be recycled at Home Depot or Lowe's , fluorescent tubes can be taken to our HHW drop off event , or to American Lamp Recycling , and incandescent bulbs can be thrown in the trash.
Appliances	Some transfer stations will accept them, participating retailers like Best Buy , or scrap metal yards.
Plastic Bags	Plastic bag drop-off bins located at the entrance/exits of participating grocery stores.
Hazardous Waste	Includes materials marked as hazardous, toxic, flammable, poisonous, corrosive, and also electronics. They can be taken to our HHW drop-off events .



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