



VERMONT

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & MARKETS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**AUTHORIZATION TO USE SPECIAL FACILITIES
AT THE RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REGIONAL TRANSFER STATION**
Show this letter when you go to the transfer station to use the special dumpster.

**This guidance is specifically for properties with lower levels
of chlorpyrifos.**

The Health Department and Agency of Agriculture are looking into the possible misuse of the pesticide chlorpyrifos by AAA Accredited Pest Control company. We have been testing homes to find out if they have been contaminated with this pesticide.

Below you will find guidance how and where to dispose of items that have been contaminated with chlorpyrifos. There will be no reimbursement available from the Health Department or the Agency of Agriculture. If you choose to keep items in order to seek reimbursement from other sources, limit your exposure to them by covering or placing them in an unoccupied room.

If you are the landlord, give this information to your tenants. Also, please be advised to follow all State and local landlord/tenant laws and ordinances concerning your tenant's belongings.

We are also working on finding the best methods for cleaning homes that have been contaminated – but we know that some things in the home cannot be cleaned.

There is no way to clean these household items *if they have been sprayed with pesticide*:

- soft goods (pillows, mattresses, upholstered furniture, stuffed animals and toys, or other soft or spongy things)
- personal things such as toothbrushes
- food items

We recommend that contaminated items you choose to discard be disposed of in a special dumpster at the Rutland County Solid Waste District regional transfer station on Gleason Road in Rutland. **There is no cost to you. You must show this letter at the transfer station to use the dumpster.**

If other things of sentimental value were sprayed, call the Health Department at 800-439-8550 for advice.

Before and After Handling Contaminated Things

We recommend that you wear booties and nitrile gloves when handling things that have been contaminated. You may need several pairs of each. You can buy booties and gloves at lumber and hardware stores (such as Home Depot) and some drug stores (such as Rite Aid).

Each time you handle contaminated things, put on gloves first and then booties. When you're finished, take booties off first and then gloves.

Do not wear used booties or gloves again. Put them in a trash bag that will go to the special dumpster at the transfer station.

Always wash hands thoroughly after handling contaminated things, whether you have worn gloves or not.

Change your clothes before you go back into your current residence. Put the clothes in a trash bag until you can wash them. Wash a load of these clothes only in hot soapy water. Do not wash them together in the same load with other laundry.

How to Get Contaminated Things Ready for the Dumpster

Put all contaminated things in plastic bags, if possible. You may not be able to put large things such as mattresses and couches in plastic bags.

How to Transport Contaminated Things

The best way to transport contaminated things to the dumpster is in the open bed (without a cap) of a truck. Put the plastic bags, along with mattresses, couches, etc. in the open bed of the truck, and then cover them up with a plastic or disposable sheet.

If you can't get a truck, put the plastic bags on a plastic or disposable sheet in a car, and then cover them up with plastic or disposable sheet. This will keep the chlorpyrifos-contaminated material from touching the inside of the car.

How to Throw Away Contaminated Things in the Dumpster

Remove bottom and top plastic or disposable sheet and the contaminated things from the truck or car, and put them all in the special dumpster.

If you have questions:

- About health effects or protective actions – call the Health Department Environmental Health Division at 800-439-8550, or call the Health Department's district office in Rutland at 786-5811.
- About pesticide applications – call the Agency of Agriculture at 802-828-2431.
- About the Rutland Solid Waste District – call the Regional Transfer Station, Gleason Road Rutland, VT at 773-9231.