

Don't Waste Your Summer!

Summertime in Dutchess County means grilling, swimming, bonfires, and more. However, these activities can also accumulate a lot of waste. Below you can find information about properly disposing of summer-related items.



Propane Tanks: For larger propane tanks, you can bring them to a participating retailer, such as your local propane company, who will recycle them. For smaller propane tanks (they're usually green and for camp stoves) you can empty them completely then dispose of them in the trash. You can also bring both types to one of [Dutchess County's household hazardous waste events](#).

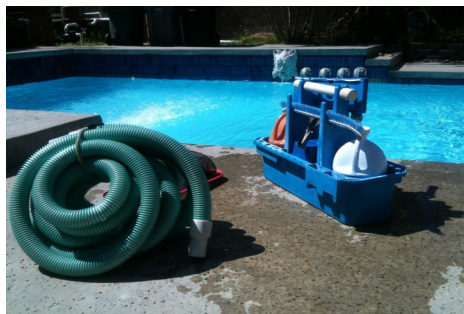


Charcoal and Wood Ash:

Take the fully cooled ash and wrap it in aluminum foil or place it in a small metal container, such as a coffee can, and place it in regular trash. Do not place them near anything that could catch fire. They can also be used in your compost, soil (depending on pH levels), as insect repellent, a cleaner, and more!

Charcoal Lumps:

If you have extra unused charcoal, you can use it as a plant fertilizer, to neutralize odors, and prevent metal from rusting.



Pool and Hot Tub Chemicals:

You can give them to someone who might use them, or bring them to one of Dutchess County's household hazardous waste events.



Utensils:

We recommend using alternative items to reduce waste. Disposable plates and utensils cannot be recycled, so consider items that can be cleaned and used again. If not, use compostable materials. If you compost at home, you can use the compostable paper wares to add carbon to your compost pile! Just be sure to cut them into small pieces.

Compostable materials will only compost under specific conditions. Make sure they do not contain plastic.



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