



# Sugar Hill Police Department



## Methamphetamine Laboratory Identification and Hazards

Law Enforcement officials have seen an increase in one pot Methamphetamine cooking vessels being disposed of by dumping along the roadways. This poses a hazard for DOT employees collecting trash or volunteers cleaning up along the roads. Typically the vessels are plastic bottles, Gatorade bottles, or 2 liter soda bottles. The mixture contained within these vessels is extremely hazardous, and may be reactive when moved. It typically looks like a white or bluish sludge, with clear liquid. If one of the vessels is found, leave it alone, don't move it, and don't open the bottle to sniff the contents. Contact Law Enforcement for removal....



### WHAT TO DO

When you suspect you have found meth lab waste?



Image courtesy of Cadillac News

**DO NOT INVESTIGATE.** Prodding the material could further endanger you or others in the area.

**IMMEDIATELY CALL 9-1-1** to notify local police of your suspicions.

If you leave the area, **mark the site** with a trash bag, tape, or other indicator tied to a tree so authorities can find the site

For more information contact the Sugar Hill Police Department 603-823-8725.

# COMMONLY FOUND METH LAB WASTE

May include the following chemicals, equipment or packaging



Flammable solvents:  
Coleman Fuel, camping  
fuel, paint thinner, starting  
fluids, etc..



Any container with "bi level"  
liquids



Large quantities of glass and  
plastic containers, buckets,  
plastic hose



Loose pills or packaging from  
pills that contain ephedrine or  
pseudoephedrine



Any containers with plastic  
tubing or hoses



Quantities of coffee filters or  
paper towels with unusual  
stains



Lye ("red Devil"), Crystal  
Drano, or other drain  
cleaners



Disassembled lithium  
batteries



Containers such as muriatic  
acid, iodine, or hydrogen  
peroxide



Cold packs containing  
ammonium



Trash bags with an ether,  
solvent, or ammonia odor



Table or rock salt

**Finding any of these items clustered together** could be an indication of meth lab waste. If you find any of the items above or similar products, **DO NOT touch, smell, or examine them.**



Majority of all meth manufactured in New Hampshire is made using the "one pot" method, making it one of the most dangerous items to come across while performing roadside cleanup. By knowing what to look for can prevent accidental explosions and burns.

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