



Ohio AFFF Takeback Program

Frequently Asked Questions

I have registered my material, am I ready for drop off?

If you are selected for phase one, you will receive an email. Please confirm your attendance, once received.

If you do not receive an email, we will be in touch soon about future collection events in your area for phase two.

What is considered unsealed?

If the original seal is not fully intact, the container is considered unsealed. A sealed container is a covered, closable container that has been unopened but also has its original, fully intact seal. Below are images for reference.



Worn/broken and misaligned tape seal as an indication that the cap has been potentially opened.



Breaks in lid ring seal as an indication that the cap has been potentially opened.

Please note:

If a container of AFFF has been opened in any way, we are not able to accept it at this time.

As part of the next phase, Battelle and Revive Environmental will be testing unsealed material so please continue to register the material as unsealed.

Is there guidance on how to rinse material out of trucks?

Ohio EPA and the Ohio Fire Marshal do not currently have any official guidance on proper rinsing methods for AFFF.

The Federal Aviation Association (FAA) published *this information* for cleaning Aircraft Rescue Firefighting vehicles. We also encourage you to consider consulting with your tank and pump manufacturers for guidance on this issue.

Who is eligible for this program?

Ohio's AFFF Takeback Program is open to all Ohio fire departments, local governments, and government-owned airports. It is not open to private entities. If you have a question about eligibility, feel free to contact 614.424.3221 or OHAFFFSupport@battelle.org.

What if I am a private entity interested in this disposal method?

The PFAS Annihilator® technology is a patented, PFAS destruction solution powered by supercritical water oxidation (SCWO) created by Battelle and now owned and operated by Revive Environmental. It effectively destroys PFAS in contaminated wastewater, landfill leachate, and AFFF in seconds with only clean water, inert salts, and nominal carbon dioxide remaining.

If you are interested in this technology for your disposal needs, contact Trevor Whitson of Revive Environmental at twhitson@revive-environmental.com.

What if my entity has a large amount of material to dispose of?

If your entity has over 1,000 gallons of material, please contact 614.424.3221 or OHAFFFSupport@battelle.org before registering. Separate drop off arrangements may be available.

Where are the collection events?

Due to a tremendous response from fire departments and local government across the state, we are in the process of scheduling additional takeback events for later this year.

Regional sites are already scheduled for Division of State Fire Marshal (Central), Wood County (Northwest), Butler County (Southwest), Washington County (Southeast), Columbiana County (Northeast).

My entity needs to wait for their alternative material to be delivered, so we will not make the drop off dates. What can we do in the meantime?

There is an option for the status of your material including Ready, Not Ready, or In Process to be disposed of. We encourage you to still register your material even if you aren't ready now to help us plan for future events.

My department's service area is Ohio, but I am located outside the state. Am I still eligible?

At this time, this program is only available to entities located in Ohio.

My department recently disposed of our AFFF material. Would the state reimburse us for the cost?

The state of Ohio appreciates your department disposing of this material; however, we are not reimbursing departments.

Our material is not in its original packaging, can we still register it?

Yes! Under this program, we consider unlabeled containers as an unknown/unlabeled material. Ohio EPA must ensure the material is PFAS containing, and not a hazardous waste under Ohio EPA and federal regulations.

The Ohio AFFF Program has put a mechanism in place to check this. Please, register this material as "unlabeled" and we will work with you to have someone collect samples of the materials to determine eligibility for the program.

What information will I need to make an account and register my material?

To create an account, enter your contact information and entity's identifier (ie: FD ID, EMA County Name, or Airport FAA identifier). If you have questions, contact us at 614.424.3221 or OHAFFFSupport@battelle.org.