

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Most of your household chemicals are *hazardous* and are an ever-growing problem! Household hazardous waste is a household quantity of a product that is toxic in nature, contain strong chemicals that can easily contaminate our environment and should not be disposed of as everyday trash. It requires special handling, processing, and disposal. Some of these materials may be recycled but are not part of our regular recycling program. Please take advantage of this opportunity to safely dispose of these materials. See below for list of accepted materials.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Electronics
- Alkaline & Carbon Zinc Batteries These are nonhazardous and should be disposed of in the garbage
- Tires
- 55 Gallon Drums
- Fireworks/explosives
- Ammunition
- Smoke/CO detectors: Return to manufacturer listed on back.
- Radioactive material
- Medical waste
- Prescription medicines
- Biological waste
- Infectious waste
- Sharp Controlled substances
- Motor oil disposed at any facility performing oil changes
- Latex Paint: These are non-hazardous, water-based paints that should be dried out and disposed of in the garbage. To dry out, remove lid and add an absorbent material, such as cat litter or clay speedy dry, to speed the drying process. Once the material is hard and not in liquid form, throw the can into the garbage with the lid off.
- Fire extinguishers

Why collect Household waste?

This collection event is intended to provide residents with a responsible way to dispose of old, unusable and unwanted hazardous products. Putting them in the trash or down the drain contributes to pollution of our air and drinking waters.

How to prepare materials for our collection event:

- Do not mix the materials or use plastic bags.
- Tighten Lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, place in larger containers.
- If not in original labeled container, please label the container used and what the contents of the container are.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Antifreeze
- Corrosives/caustics
- Household cleaners
- Lead acid batteries
- Rechargeable batteries
- Oil based paints
- Paint products
- Turpentine
- Thinner
- Flammable liquids
- Resins & Adhesives
- Oxidizers
- Household Pesticides
- Agricultural waste
- Propane cylinders (Only 1 and 20 pound cylinders)
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats
- Aerosols
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- CFL Bulbs
- Gasoline



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