

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

Any product that you use at home regularly, which contains chemicals that are harmful to human health and our environment. Products are deemed hazardous when they have chemicals that are explosive, reactive, flammable, toxic or corrosive. This includes paint, household cleaners, oils, batteries, pesticides, fertilizers, solvents and thinners. These products can contain hazardous ingredients and require special care before disposing of them. When poured down the drain, buried, burned or poured out they can pollute your water or release harmful chemicals in the air.

HOW TO PROPERLY STORE AND MANAGE

- ♻️ Read the label and follow directions for use, storage and disposal.
- ♻️ Store all products out of reach of children and pets.
- ♻️ Always keep products in their original containers and don't remove labels.
- ♻️ Never use food or beverage containers as replacement containers, and don't store with food.
- ♻️ Never store gasoline or other fuels indoors.
- ♻️ Never mix different household chemicals together.
- ♻️ Empty containers can still pose a hazard, so handle them with care.
- ♻️ If the container is leaking, place the entire container in a plastic bucket, place nonflammable absorbent like kitty litter around it and label the outside of the bucket.
- ♻️ Collect, safely store and deliver to your local Household Hazardous Waste collection site when available. Be careful transporting products to the site.

REUSE AND RECYCLE YOUR HHW

- ♻️ Many HHW products may be reused by friends or other individuals in your community.
- ♻️ The most common recycled products are lead-acid batteries, paint, used oil and antifreeze.
- ♻️ The average person uses 40 lbs. of household cleaners per year. Find ways to consolidate or minimize what is being used.
- ♻️ Paints can be donated to local reuse centers in your community.
- ♻️ Motor oil can be recycled at many garages or lube shops.
- ♻️ Think before your buy. Resist purchasing more than you will need to minimize left over product.
- ♻️ Purchase environmentally friendly, natural products when possible.

