REDUCTION IS THE FIRST CHOICE

Reduce the amount of potentially hazardous products in your home by following these easy steps.

Before you buy

- · Research nonhazardous alternatives.
- Take an inventory of what you have to avoid purchasing duplicate items.
- Read the labels and be aware of what they mean
- Select a product best suited for the job.
- Buy only what you can use entirely.
- Look for these words on labels; they tell you what products may need special handling or disposal:

Caution Flammable
Warning Combustible
Danger Reactive
Explosive Poison
Volatile Toxic
Corrosive Hazardous

U.S. EPA Safer Choice Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Safer Choice Program helps consumers find products that are safe for human health and the environment.

Visit **epa.gov** and search **"safer choice"** for a filterable list of certified products.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Wisconsin Clean Sweep Program

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection administers the Clean Sweep Grant program that assists local governments with collection and proper disposal of agricultural and residential hazardous waste. These collections may also accept unwanted prescription drugs.

Call or check online for dates, times and locations or to learn what materials each event will accept and how you can safely transport items for collection. For a list of participating local governments, visit **cleansweep.wi.gov**.

WHEN IN DOUBT, CONSULT YOUR STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIALS

If you are unsure about whether any part of your waste is hazardous waste or about how to store or dispose of something safely, keep it out of the trash and contact a hazardous waste specialist.

Visit dnr.wi.gov and search "household hazardous waste."





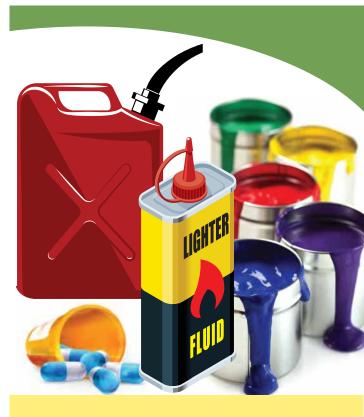
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HOUSEHOLD Hazardous Waste Management Guide



Household hazardous waste is any waste product found in your home, yard or garage that can cause substantial harm to human health or the environment when improperly managed. This guide helps residents to identify, reduce and safely dispose of household hazardous waste.

SAFE DISPOSAL: KNOW WHICH **OPTION IS THE SAFEST**

If you have leftover household products, check labels and the tables to the right for disposal options. The key to safe disposal is knowing which option is right for each household hazardous waste item.

Using up products for their intended purpose is often the simplest solution, otherwise:



PITCH IT:

DRY WASTE UNTIL IT IS SOLID AND PITCH IT IN THE TRASH

Some household hazardous wastes can dried or mixed with cat litter until they are solid and placed in the trash.



POUR IT:

FLUSH CLEANERS WITH LOTS OF WATER WHEN POURING THEM DOWN THE DRAIN

Some household cleaners can be poured into household drains as this is their intended purpose. Be sure they are flushed thoroughly with water. **NEVER POUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE IN A SEPTIC** SYSTEM OR STORM DRAIN.



TAKE IT:

FIND A COLLECTION PROGRAM AND STORE WASTE SAFELY UNTIL COLLECTION

Safe storage is key to safe disposal. Keeping products in their original container helps household hazardous waste facilities know what they are handling. Most items should be kept sealed and away from heat. Use the childresistant lids and caps and keep containers closed tight.

The recommendations described here may not apply to every product in the category. Be sure to read labels and look online for storage and disposal options.

CAR CARE		
Antifreeze	TAKE IT	
Batteries (automotive) ¹	TAKE IT	
Brake fluid	TAKE IT	
Carburetor cleaner	TAKE IT	
Degreasers	TAKE IT	
Gasoline and fuels	TAKE IT	
Used motor oil ¹ and oil filters ¹	TAKE IT	
Transmission fluid	TAKE IT	
Windshield washer	POUR IT	
1 This items are becomed from Wisconsin		

This items are banned from Wisconsin landfills and may not be thrown in the trash

CLEANERS	
Cleaners with ammonia ²	POUR IT
Cleaners with bleach ²	POUR IT
Concrete cleaners (acid)	TAKE IT
Disinfectants	POUR IT
Drain cleaner ³	POUR IT
Metal cleaners	TAKE IT
Oven cleaners ³	PITCH IT/TAKE IT
Polish/spot removers ³	PITCH IT/TAKE IT
Polish with solvents⁴	TAKE IT
Pool chemicals	TAKE IT
Toilet/tub/tile cleaner ³	PITCH IT/TAKE IT

² Never mix products containing ammonia with those containing bleach as it can cause an harmful chemical reaction.

⁴ Solvent-containing products have the words "flammable," "combustible" or "contains petroleum distillate" on the labels.

EXPLOSIVES		
Ammunition	TAKE IT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT	
Fireworks/flares	SOAK IN WATER AND TAKE IT	

MEDICAL WASTE		
Pharmaceuticals,	TAKE IT	
prescription drugs and medical sharps	Visit dnr.wi.gov and search "health care waste" for instructions.	





PESTICIDES AND POISONS TAKE IT Fertilizer with weed killer Insect/bug killer **TAKE IT** Mothballs **TAKE IT TAKE IT** Rat/rodent poison Weed killer **TAKE IT**

PRESSURIZED CONTAINERS		
Weed killer	TAKE IT	
Propane tanks (refillable)	TAKE IT	
Propane tanks (single use)	TAKE IT	

OTHER COMMON ITEMS		
Emptied hazardous waste containers	PITCH IT	
Fertilizer without weed killer	PITCH IT	
Lighter fluid	TAKE IT	
Smoke detectors	PITCH IT	
Thermometers containing mercury	TAKE IT	

FOR ITEMS NOT ON LIST, VISIT **DNR.WI.GOV** AND SEARCH "HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE."





³ Read labels for storage and collection instructions.