

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Why should I care?

Careless storage and disposal of household chemicals can pose serious environmental and human health threats. Chemicals that are flushed down the toilet or poured into a storm drain can contaminate our drinking water, pollute the lakes we swim in, seep into the ground where we grow our food, and if they are burned, we can inhale them in the air we breathe.

What can I do?

[Find out when and where your area will host its next collection day.](#) Gather all of the household chemicals and products that are accepted at HHW collections (see below). To help you determine if something is a household chemical waste, look for the words "**danger**," "**toxic**," "**flammable**," "**corrosive**," and/or "**reactive**" somewhere on the product's packaging.

Materials ACCEPTED at HHW collections:

- oil-based paint
- solvents
- old prescriptions
- motor oil
- household cleaners
- household batteries
- antifreeze
- pool chemicals
- asbestos
- garden/lawn chemicals
- old gasoline
- fungicides
- metal polishes
- paint remover
- insecticides
- drain cleaner
- aerosol products
- hobby chemicals
- mercury (including thermometers and thermostats)

Materials NOT ACCEPTED at HHW collections:

- business wastes
- explosives/ammunition
- fire extinguishers
- lead-acid batteries
- tires
- latex paint
- agricultural chemicals
- fireworks
- propane tanks
- smoke detectors
- medical wastes