When finished, rinse empty container. Then recycle or put the container in the trash. Never pour chemicals down a basement drain or storm sewer which can lead directly to waterways. Check with your local pharmacy about disposal of old medicines. Read individual labels to determine if a product will damage septic tanks.

Alcohol based lotions/perfumes
Aluminum cleaners
Ammonia based cleaners
Antifreeze (small amounts)
Bathroom and drain cleaners
Bleach
Disinfectants
Glue (water-based)
Hair relaxers/removers
Household Cleaners (water-based)
Paint brush cleaner with TSP
Paint Stripper (lye-based)
Photographic chemicals (small amounts)
Rust remover (with phosphoric acid)
Tub and tile cleaners
Windshield washer fluid

Community Collections

The following products may be taken to community collection sites or a licensed hazardous waste contractor. Permanent HHW collection sites are located in McCook, Omaha, and Kearney. Some communities have special collection days. Contact a local Keep America Beautiful affiliate or your city officials for more information. Ask your local fire department or law enforcement agencies if they will accept old ammunition.

Automatic transmission fluid
Brake fluid
Bug sprays
Car batteries
Carburetor cleaner
Car wax
Engine degreaser
Floor care products
Fuel (gasoline, diesel, kerosene)
Fungicide
Furniture polish
Insecticide
Lighter fluid
Mercury thermometers
Metal polish with solvent
Moth Balls
Paints/primer (oil-based, auto, or model)
Paint thinner and stripper
Rat poison
Solvent-based glue
Turpentine
Mixed photographic chemicals
Varnish
Weed killer
Wood preservative

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NE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM
Protecting Nebraska's Environment

Household Hazardous Waste

PROPER DISPOSAL

Hazardous Harry says, "Protect Nebraska's environment. Dispose of all household hazardous waste properly."

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is products found around the home that are considered:

- flammable
- toxic
- corrosive
- reactive

The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of HHW per year. HHW can be found in all areas of the home including the kitchen, bathroom, garage, workshop, and garden area.

IMPORTANCE OF PROPER DISPOSAL

The best way to dispose of household hazardous waste is to use the product in its entirety for the purpose it was intended. Old household hazardous waste left sitting on shelves or on a basement or garage floor can present hazards to children and pets. If disposed of improperly, HHW can contaminate air, soil, surface and ground water, wastewater treatment systems and septic tanks. Certain types of household hazardous waste have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers when thrown in the trash. It is important to know what disposal method is best for each type of household hazardous waste.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE SAFE?

- Read and follow directions on the container for proper use and disposal.
- Always leave products in their original containers and never remove labels. Corroding containers, however, require special handling. Call your local fire department for instructions.
- When leftovers remain, never mix HHW with other products. Products that are incompatible might react, ignite, or explode.
- Use less toxic alternatives for household products whenever possible. Contact Keep Nebraska Beautiful for a brochure with alternative ideas.
- Use the following guide to dispose of your household hazardous wastes.

Landfill Safe

The following are items that may be safely disposed of in a landfill. For items such as glue or paint that need to be dried or solidified for disposal, you may either spread the waste on newspaper, rags or old carpet, or mix it with kitty litter or dry cement mix. Let the material dry completely before putting into the trash.

Aerosol cans (empty)
Fertilizer
Oven cleaner (lye based)
Shoe polish

Dispose of only in **solidified** form:

Auto body filler
Glue (solvent based)
Nail polish
Paint (latex & oil based)
Primer
Varnish

Recycle

Some Nebraska communities have recycling centers or drop-off sites at which household hazardous wastes can be recycled. Uncontaminated used motor oil can be taken to one of the 67 Nebraska Used Oil Collection Program sites. Check our website at <www.knb.org> for a list of those sites. Many service stations and auto supply stores will accept car batteries. Contact your local city or county offices for information on recycling centers in your area or call the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's Solid Waste Division at (402) 471-4210. The following items can be recycled providing your local recycler accepts them.

RECYCLE

Automatic transmission fluid
Antifreeze
Brake fluid
Car batteries
**Dry cleaning solvents*
**Fluorescent light bulbs*
Freon
Fuels (diesel, gasoline, kerosene)
Gun cleaning solvents
Motor oil
**Oil filters*
Paint thinner
Turpentine

*Some areas have limited resources for these materials. Check with your local recycler.

Down The Drain

The following is a list of small quantities of household items that may be dumped down the drain. Make sure to run plenty of water with the items. Dispose of only one product at a time.

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