



PROPER DISPOSAL

Many household products contain flammable, toxic, corrosive, reactive, or otherwise hazardous ingredients that require special care - especially when it comes to disposal. Please consider these proper disposal procedures before throwing them away.

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Products found around the home considered:



Flammable



Toxic



Corrosive



Reactive

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) can be found in all areas of the home including the kitchen, bathroom, garage, workshop, & garden. It should largely be regarded as unregulated hazardous waste that can pose the same dangers as industrial-level chemicals.

IMPORTANCE OF PROPER DISPOSAL

The best way to dispose of HHW is to use the product in its entirety for the purpose it was intended. Old HHW left sitting around present hazards to children & pets. When disposed of improperly, HHW can contaminate air, soil, surface & ground water, wastewater treatment systems & septic tanks. Certain types of HHW can cause physical injury to sanitation workers when thrown in the trash, so it's important to know proper disposal methods for each type of waste.

SAFETY FIRST

RULES FOR SAFETY

- ❖ Read & follow directions for proper use & disposal.
- ❖ Always leave products in their original containers & never remove labels. Corroding containers can require special handling, so call your local fire department for instructions.
- ❖ Never mix HHW with other products. Products that are incompatible might react, ignite or explode.
- ❖ Use less toxic alternatives for household products when possible. Go to:
www.knb.org/waste-programs/household-hazardous-waste/less-toxic-alternatives/ for details.
- ❖ Use the following guide for proper disposal.

LANDFILL SAFE?

All landfills leak, so the term really isn't accurate. Instead, think of these as items that can be **cautiously** sent to the landfill. Care is required, especially with items needing to be dried or solidified first. Spread the waste on newspaper, rags or old carpet, or mix with kitty litter or dry cement. Let material dry completely before putting into the trash.

- ❖ Aerosol Cans (empty)
- ❖ Fertilizers
- ❖ Oven Cleaners (lye based)
- ❖ Shoe Polish

Dispose of only in solidified form:

- ❖ Auto body filler
- ❖ Glue
- ❖ Nail Polish
- ❖ Paint (latex & oil based)
- ❖ Primer
- ❖ Varnish

DOWN THE DRAIN

The following items may be poured down the drain **in small quantities**. Wastewater Treatment Facilities are only equipped to treat certain chemicals, so be confident the product is acceptable before pouring. Run plenty of water & dispose of only one item at a time. When finished, rinse the empty container & recycle or put in trash. **Never** pour chemicals down a basement drain or storm sewer leading directly to waterways. Product labels will list if damaging to 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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES & COLLECTION EVENTS

From permanent facilities to periodic collection events, communities across Nebraska provide solutions for HHW reuse, recycling and disposal.

Uncontaminated, used motor oil, antifreeze & oil filters can be taken to one of more than 60 Used Oil Collection Program sites. Go to:

www.knb.org/waste-programs/used-oil-program/used-oil-collection-sites/ for the location in your area.

Many service stations, auto supply & tire stores will accept car batteries & tires.



Permanent HHW Facilities:

(call or go to website for details):

Grand Island Area Clean Community Systems
308.385.5095 or www.cleancommunity.org

HazToGo (Lincoln) 402.441.8021 or www.haztogo.com

Kearney HHW Facility 308.233.3206 or
www.cityofkearney.org/index.aspx?NID=851

Norfolk HHW Facility 402.844.2230 or
www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/solidwaste/Household_Hazardous_Waste_Facility2.pdf

North Platte Keep North Platte & Lincoln Co. Beautiful
308.534.8100 or
keepnorthplattebeautiful.org/recycling/household-hazardous-waste-disposal/

Red Willow Co. HHW Facility, McCook 308.345.4333
or
www.co.red-willow.ne.us/webpages/weeds/hazardous_waste.html

Under The Sink (Omaha) 402.444.7465 or
www.underthesink.org

HHW Collection Events:

Communities across the state hold periodic HHW collection events. Contact your local Keep America Beautiful Affiliate, or city/county offices for dates and times. Please refer to the Rules For Safety (above) anytime you transport HHW.



Materials accepted at all HHW Facilities & Community Collection Events include but are not necessarily limited to:

- ❖ Adhesives
- ❖ Automatic Transmission Fluid
- ❖ Bleach Cleaners
- ❖ Brake Fluid
- ❖ Bug Sprays
- ❖ Carburetor Cleaners
- ❖ Car Wax
- ❖ Compact Bulbs (CFLs)
- ❖ Drain Cleaners
- ❖ Engine Degreasers
- ❖ Flea & Tick Products
- ❖ Floor Care Products
- ❖ Fluorescent Tubes
- ❖ Fuel (gasoline, diesel, kerosene)
- ❖ Fungicides
- ❖ Furniture Polish & Strippers
- ❖ Herbicides
- ❖ Insecticides
- ❖ Lighter Fluid
- ❖ Mercury Thermometers
- ❖ Metal Polish with Solvents
- ❖ Moth Balls
- ❖ Oven Cleaners
- ❖ Paints/Primers (oil-based or auto)
- ❖ Paint Thinners & Strippers
- ❖ Pesticides
- ❖ Pool Chemicals
- ❖ Power Steering Fluid
- ❖ Rat Poison
- ❖ Solvent-Based Glue
- ❖ Turpentine
- ❖ Upholstery Cleaners
- ❖ Varnish
- ❖ Weed Killers
- ❖ Wood Preservative

Please see websites or event flyers for a complete list of materials accepted at a facility or event near you. Items like batteries, computers, electronics, medications, oils & paints may or may not be acceptable.

Items generally NOT allowed include Business Waste, Ammunition/Explosives, Asbestos, Medical Waste, Propane Tanks (grill) & Radioactive Materials. Ask your local fire department or law enforcement agencies if they take old ammunition.

IF POISONING OCCURS

Federal Emergency Management Agency Procedures

The symptoms of toxic poisoning include:

- ❖ Difficulty breathing
- ❖ Irritation of the eyes, skin, throat, or respiratory tract
- ❖ Changes in skin color
- ❖ Headache or blurred vision
- ❖ Dizziness
- ❖ Clumsiness or lack of coordination
- ❖ Cramps or diarrhea

During a Household Chemical Emergency:

If there is a danger of fire or explosion:

- ❖ Get out of the residence immediately.
- ❖ Call the fire department when away from danger.
- ❖ Stay upwind & away from the house to avoid fumes.

If someone is exposed to a household chemical:

- ❖ Find a container of the substance & provide requested information.
- ❖ Follow emergency operator's first aid instructions.
- ❖ Discard clothing that may have been contaminated.



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