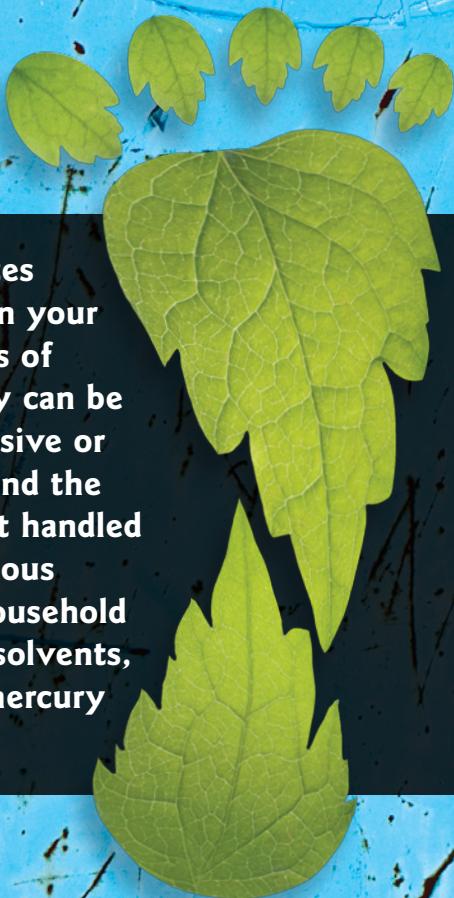


HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) are products used in your home, workplace and places of leisure and recreation. They can be flammable, corrosive, explosive or toxic, and harmful to you and the environment if they are not handled properly. Household hazardous wastes are materials like household cleaners, paints, batteries, solvents, oil, pesticides, fertilizers, mercury items, and aerosol cans.



REDUCE YOUR USE!

Avoid disposal of household hazardous waste.

- Purchase only what you need
- Share leftover materials
- Choose environmentally friendly alternatives
- Visit www.lesstoxicguide.ca for environmentally friendly products

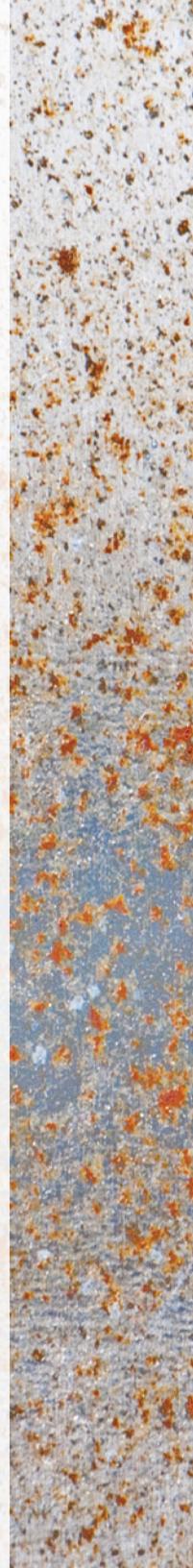
CHOOSE LESS HARMFUL PRODUCTS

- Choose products low in phosphates, chlorine, dyes and perfumes.
- Water-based (acrylic/latex) paints contain less toxic solvents and thinners.
- Pull weeds by hand or spray with natural chemicals.

HHW STORAGE

All hazardous materials should be clearly labeled and stored in secure containers away from children and pets. Hazardous materials should never be stored in food containers and they should never be poured down the drain or thrown into your household garbage. Manufacturers' labels provide additional information about storage, transportation, and proper disposal.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO AN HHW COLLECTION SITE



PAINTS, STAINS, AND ADHESIVES

KEEP FROM FREEZING FOR RE-USE!

Newer paint (oil & acrylic/latex), stains, and some adhesives contain less toxic materials and therefore have a greater re-use potential if they have not been frozen or exposed to air for extended periods of time.

Older oil-based paints and marine paints contain greater amounts of heavy metals and solvents which are toxic to humans, animals, and the environment. Paints, stains, and adhesives should be brought to a HHW collection event for disposal.



SOLVENTS, FUEL, OIL AND ANTIFREEZE

KEEP SEPARATE AND LABEL YOUR CONTAINER!

Solvents, fuel, oil, and antifreeze contain toxic materials and should be kept in secure containers away from children and pets. Used oil can be recycled or used for heat recovery in local approved burners. Flammable liquids must be stored in clearly marked, secure containers away from sparks and flames and brought to a HHW collection event for disposal.



BATTERIES

USE RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES - SAVE MONEY!

Lead Acid Batteries Greater than 1kg

Lead acid batteries greater than 1kg (usually found in boats and automobiles) should be disposed of at an approved community facility, or brought to a HHW collection event for disposal.

Rechargeable Batteries

Most rechargeable batteries, like those found in cellular phones, radios, portable tools, computers, and other electronic equipment contain toxic substances and should be disposed of through a HHW collection event or through the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC). Call 1-800-8-BATTERY or visit www.rbrc.org for more information. If you can't find a RBRC recycling box in your community, consider starting your own!

Disposable Batteries

Disposable alkaline batteries (sizes AAA – D and 9 volt) produced in North America no longer contain toxic substances, like mercury, and they are recyclable. Button cell batteries found in watches contain small amounts of mercury.

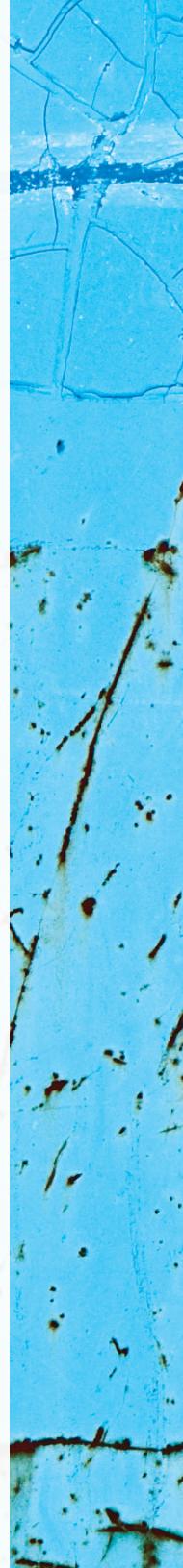
Alkaline and rechargeable batteries should be segregated and brought to a HHW collection event for disposal.

PESTICIDES

Pesticides, including insect repellents, herbicides, and wood preservatives are toxic and should be stored in secure containers to minimize human and animal exposure.

FERTILIZERS

Fertilizers are considered to have a low level of toxicity, but have the potential to react with other compounds and should always be kept away from flammable materials. Pesticides and fertilizers should be brought to a community HHW collection event for disposal.



EXPIRED MEDICATION

KEEP OUT OF THE SEWERS AND SEPTIC TANKS!

Unwanted or expired medication should be returned to the point of purchase wherever possible. Medication may also be stored in a secure container, labeled and brought to an HHW collection event for disposal.



MERCURY

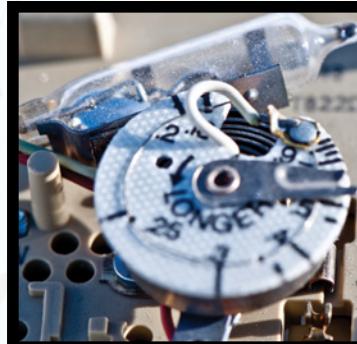
Fluorescent Bulbs

Fluorescent Bulbs save energy but contain small amounts of Mercury

Thermostats and Thermometers

Thermostats and thermometers contain high amounts of mercury.

Mercury containing items should be brought to a HHW collection event or a community bulb collection facility for disposal.





PROPANE TANKS AND AEROSOL CANS

Propane tanks and aerosol cans are potential explosion hazards and are dangerous to disposal facility operators as well as the public. Check your community listings for an appropriate place to dispose of propane tanks. Aerosol cans should be stored in a secure location and brought to a HHW collection event for disposal.



HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS

MIXING HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS CAN PRODUCE TOXIC GASES

Many household cleaners contain low amounts of toxic, synthetic chemicals, and other compounds. They should be stored in a secure container, away from children and pets, and should never be mixed. Unwanted household cleaners should be brought to a HHW collection event for disposal.

Another good resource for cleaner alternatives can be found at www.turi.org.



REMEMBER

Household Hazardous Waste should always be kept out of reach of children and pets, and receive proper storage, transportation, and disposal.

MATERIALS ACCEPTED AT HHW COLLECTION EVENTS AND COLLECTION SITES

Abrasive cleaners
Acetone
Aerosol paints & sprays
Air fresheners (aerosol)
All-purpose cleaners (solvent based)
Ammonia
Ant/wasp spray
Antifreeze
Autobody filler
Barbecue starters
Batteries (alkaline, lead acid, rechargeable)
Bleach
Brake fluid
Butane refills
Car waxes & polishes
Carbon tetrachloride
Contact cement
Degreasers (petroleum based)
Disinfectants
Drain cleaners
Fertilizers
Floor wax strippers
Fluorescent light bulbs
Fuel
Fuel additives
Grease
Hair sprays (aerosol)
Insecticides

Kerosene
Laundry stain removers
Laundry starch
Lighter fluid
Liquid cleaners
Lye
Mildew removers
Muriatic acid
Nail polish & remover
Oven cleaners
Paint
Pharmaceuticals
Photographic chemicals
Power steering fluid
Propane gas cylinder
Rubbing alcohol
Septic tank degreaser
Shoe polish
Silver & brass polish
Solvents, (turpentine, varnish, lacquers)
Spot removers
Thermostats
Thermometers
Toilet cleaners
Transmission fluid
Tub & tile cleaners
Used oil
Weed killers
Windshield washer fluid
Wood preservatives

WHERE DOES HHW GO WHEN IT'S COLLECTED?

Hazardous waste that cannot be managed locally is transported in secure containers to hazardous waste treatment facilities.

HAZARDOUS WASTES NOT ACCEPTED AT HHW COLLECTION EVENTS

- ⚠ No waste from businesses, industries or institutions
- ⚠ No explosives
- ⚠ No infectious materials
- ⚠ No radioactive waste
- ⚠ No ammunition

*Special arrangements may be made if you call in advance.
Please call (867) 920-8044.

PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND KEEP HAZARDOUS WASTE OUT OF OUR SEWERS AND LANDFILLS!



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