

Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

Never dump any of these products down the drain!



PESTICIDES & HERBICIDES
PAINTS & SOLVENTS
AUTO PRODUCTS & BATTERIES
CLEANERS
MISCELLANEOUS

PRODUCT	HAZARD*	PROPER DISPOSAL
Weed killer, insecticides, slug bait, rose dust, mothballs, flea powder	Poisonous	Take to Disposal of Toxics (DoT).
Wood preservatives	Poisonous	Take to DoT
Empty pesticide containers	Poisonous residue	Rinse container three times. Save rinse water and use as full-strength pesticide. Wrap container in plastic bag and discard it in trash.
Paint	Flammable, poisonous, <i>varies depending on product</i>	Use up leftover paint: give a wall an extra coat or use as a base coat on another project. Oil-based paint or paint containing lead: take to DoT. Unusable latex paint: fill with kitty litter or other solidifying agent (sawdust, ashes), stir until firmed up or allow contents to harden. Dispose of in the trash with the lid off. Call the Recycling Hotline 360-676-5723 for other options.
Used paint thinner	Flammable	Recycle by storing in a closed jar until particles settle. Strain off the clear liquid for reuse. Take the remaining sludge to DoT.
Turpentine, furniture stripper, mineral spirits	Flammable	Take to DoT.
Used motor oil	Poisonous	Recycle. Take to DoT or a satellite location listed on the back of the brochure. For locations in your area, call the Recycling Hotline at 360-676-5723.
Antifreeze	Poisonous	Take to DoT or a satellite location—do NOT pour antifreeze down the drain.
Batteries: rechargeable, button cell, cell phone, camera, tool, and computer	Corrosive (acid), poisonous	Car: trade in for new battery, set out for curbside pick-up, or take to DoT. Others: take to DoT. For more options, call the Recycling Hotline. Alkaline: okay to throw in trash (residential sources only—for businesses, please call DoT).
Drain openers, oven and toilet bowl cleaners, bleach	Corrosive	Use up according to label directions, offer to others who can use them properly, or take to DoT.
Furniture polish, spot removers	Flammable	Use up according to label directions, offer to others who can use them, or take to DoT.
Fluorescent lamps (tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs)	Poisonous	Do NOT break or throw in the trash. Take to DoT.
Fuel	Flammable	Prevent fuel from breaking down by using a fuel additive for long-term storage. Take bad fuel to DoT.
Medications	May be poisonous	Call DoT.
Hobby chemicals from crafts, photography, lab sets, etc.	Flammable, <i>varies depending on product.</i>	Call DoT for disposal of specific chemicals: 360-380-4640.

***POISONOUS:** Highly-toxic. Can cause severe illness or death if swallowed. Many poisons can be inhaled or absorbed directly through the skin.
FLAMMABLE: Burns easily. Many flammable products contain solvents that irritate the skin, eyes, and lungs. Can be fatal if swallowed. Many are volatile, give off harmful vapors, and should be used with proper ventilation.
CORROSIVE: Can cause severe burns on contact and is very poisonous if swallowed. Vapors can burn eyes, nose, and throat.

**If in doubt
give a shout:**
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