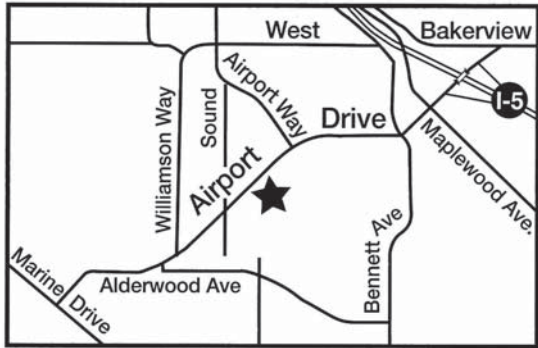


Disposal of Toxics

3505 Airport Drive, Bellingham
(one block west of the airport entrance)
360-380-4640



Open Monday — Friday 9 am - 4 pm
First Saturday of every month 9 am - 4 pm
Residents: Free (55 gallons or less).
Businesses: Call for authorization & pricing.

MOTOR OIL & ANTIFREEZE RECYCLING DOT SATELLITE SITES

All sites accept up to 5 gallons of used motor oil or antifreeze, and drained oil filters. Please keep oil & antifreeze separate.

SANITARY SERVICE TRANSFER STATIONS:

Cedarville Road, 9 am—5 pm, Saturday,
360-734-3490

Birch Bay: 4297 Birch Bay-Lynden Road,
9 am—5 pm, Sunday, 360-398-2025

NOOKSACK VALLEY DISPOSAL:

Lynden: 250 Birch Bay-Lynden Road,
8 am—4 pm Mon-Fri, 9 am to noon Sat
(one-gallon clear containers required)
360-354-3400



Whatcom County Public Works

Solid Waste Division

322 N. Commercial Street, Suite 220

Bellingham, WA 98225

(360) 676-7695

www.whatcomcounty.us/publicworks/solidwaste/

Portions of this brochure were originally developed by the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County.

Whatcom County Public Works



Disposal of Toxics



WE ACCEPT:

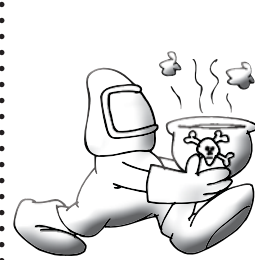
- ✓ Used oil and fuels
- ✓ Oil-based paint & paint products
- ✓ Good usable latex paint
- ✓ Fluorescent lamps
- ✓ Cleaners
- ✓ Lawn & garden chemicals
- ✓ Solvents
- ✓ Automotive products
- ✓ Mercury thermometers

WE DO **NOT** ACCEPT: Unusable latex paint, electronics, asbestos, ammunition, radioactive waste, biomedical waste, empty containers, explosives, and unapproved business waste.

Residents: Free (55 gallons or less).

Businesses: Call first for authorization & pricing.

5 Steps to Protect Your Family's Health & the Environment Too



1 Avoid household products marked "DANGER."

"DANGER" means the product could poison you, cause serious damage to your skin or eyes, or easily cause a fire.

CHOOSE INSTEAD:

- ✓ Products marked "caution" or "warning," or products that don't need warnings.
- ✓ Products that are water-based such as latex paint, white glue, and some paint strippers.

2 Reduce your need for yard and garden pesticides.

Pesticides are poisonous. Besides killing bugs and weeds, they may also poison children or pets, irritate eyes or skin, cause cancer, or kill birds and fish.

TAKE ACTION:

- ✓ Build healthy soil by adding compost or aged manure and using slow-release organic fertilizers.
- ✓ Buy plants suitable for your site.
- ✓ Try non-chemical products to control pests, such as Teflon tape for root weevils or soap and water solution for aphids. Call the WSU Extension Office for more tips: 360-676-6736.

3 Recycle used motor oil.

Oil dumped in storm drains is **not** treated and ends up in our streams and lakes, affecting fish and birds. For curbside collection, place your motor oil in a well-marked, tightly sealed plastic jug (do not use bleach bottles) and set out next to recyclables. Disposal of Toxics has oil and antifreeze collection stations set up throughout Whatcom County.

Check the back side of the brochure for locations, or call the Recycling Hotline, 360-676-5723, for additional locations such as automotive stores.

4 Use less-toxic cleaners.

Some cleaners contain hazardous ingredients that can burn your eyes, skin, or lungs. Look for safer name brand substitutes or use these simple alternatives:

OVENS: Prevent the need! Line the bottom of the oven with aluminum foil and clean spills right away. To clean, try a cleaner without lye or a non-chlorine scouring powder, or try soap, water, and a copper scrubber.

DRAINS: Use a plunger, snake, or hose-end bladder. Prevent clogs by pouring boiling water down a slow drain, or try a product that uses enzymes to break down grease and soap.

TOILET BOWLS: Use baking soda and castile soap, non-chlorine scouring powder, or other less-toxic commercial products.



5 Dispose of leftover hazardous products properly.

Never pour hazardous waste down the sink or storm drain; the chemicals can end up in local waterways or groundwater. If you throw them in the trash, the chemicals can endanger collection and disposal workers. For proper disposal options, please refer to the information provided in the product table inside this brochure. If you have questions, call Disposal of Toxics at 360-380-4640.



Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

Never dump any of these products down the drain!



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, varies depending on product	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, varies depending on product.	Call DoT for disposal of specific chemicals: 360-380-4640.

PESTICIDES & HERBICIDES

PAINTS & SOLVENTS

AUTO PRODUCTS & BATTERIES

CLEANERS

MISCELLANEOUS

***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:**

**Disposal of Toxics:
360-380-4640**
**Recycling Hotline:
360-676-5723**