

How to Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

Why is it important to properly dispose of household hazardous waste? It keeps harmful chemicals out of our air, soil and waterways. Many chemicals are ignitable, corrosive, reactive and/or toxic. Mercury in fluorescent bulbs is carcinogenic and damage the nervous system. Batteries can explode under heat or pressure.

HHW collection events:

<http://www.buckscounty.org/government/CommunityServices/PlanningCommission/Recycling>

***= also accepted at HHW events**

Antifreeze*

- Contact an auto care center (some accept them)

Batteries

- **Dry-cell Non-Rechargeable (AA, AAA, 9V or C or D cell)**
 - Purchase kit at: <https://www.call2recycle.org/store/>
 - Or <https://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com/batteries.cfm>
- **Dry cell Rechargeable (Ni-Cd, Li-Ion, SSLA/Pb, Ni-MH, Ni-Zn) ***
 - <https://www.call2recycle.org/> to find a drop-off location
 - Home Depot, Lowes, Staples, Best Buy
- **Motor/ Wet cell** - dealership/auto care center *

Gasoline*

- Use it to fuel your car or gas-powered lawnmower

Household cleaners (Degreasers, Drain Cleaner, Household Lye, Metal Cleaner, Ammonia-based Cleaners, paint remover) *

- Take it to a HHW event

Herbicides/Weed-Killers*

- Take it to a HHW event

Hydrogen Peroxide (not hazardous)

- Pour down drain and recycle bottle

Isopropyl Alcohol (Rubbing Alcohol) *

- Use to defrost car windshield and windows (Mixed 1/3 of a cup of water with 2/3 of a cup rubbing alcohol)

<https://www.rd.com/home/improvement/12-ways-to-use-rubbing-alcohol/>

Light Bulbs*

- **CFL-** Home Depot, Lowes, Batteries Plus Bulbs
- **Fluorescent tubes-** Batteries Plus Bulbs <https://www.batteriesplus.com/t/recycling>

Medications

- Liquid medication- pour leftover into a paper towel and recycle bottle
- Pills, ointments, and pet meds- drop off at Walgreens or other registered location
<https://www.walgreens.com/topic/pharmacy/safe-medication-disposal.jsp>
<https://www.cvs.com/content/safer-communities-locate>

Mercury Thermometers*

- Take to a HHW event

Motor Oil*

- Take to auto care center (like Pep Boys, Jiffy Lubes, Auto Zone, Tires Plus etc.)

Nail Polish

- Open the cap and let it dry out, then toss in trash

Paint and paint thinner *

- If reusable and at least half full, donate to Habitat for Humanity or local non-profit
- Especially if it is reusable white, black, or primer paint, try to sell it on a yard sale group
- If it is latex paint and in poor quality, open the lid and let it dry out and then toss it in the trash
- **Only paint thinners, spray paint and oil-based paints are accepted at HHW events**

Pesticides*

- Take it to a HHW event

Pool Chemicals*

- Take it to a HHW event

Propane Tanks

- Take to a propane exchange location
<https://www.amerigas.com/propane-locations>

Smoke Detectors

- Check with manufacturer http://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2012/pb22334/html/cover_025.htm
- Mail-in: <https://www.curieservices.com/product/smoke-alarm-recycling-self-ship>

Syringes and Sharps

- Use sharps disposal service
<https://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com/SyringesAndLancets.cfm>

Thermostats*

- Take to a HHW event