

WHAT IS A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

A product whose use or disposal may be a danger to the health of humans or the environment is labeled as a household hazardous product. On average, a home can have 100 to 200 household hazardous products. Things that



may make a product hazardous are the fact that it is flammable or combustible, explosive or reactive, corrosive, or toxic. Many times, these products

will be labeled with the words DANGER, POISON, WARNING, or CAUTION. Other words on labels of household products that should send up a red flag are toxic, flammable, corrosive, and explosive. There are several categories of household hazardous waste products. There are also several tips for buying, storing, using, and disposing of these wastes. Safe alternatives to these products may be found all around your home.

SOME TIPS ON SAFE USE OF HHW

- Think about what you are buying and if you really need it. Buy the minimum amount required to finish what you are doing and read labels to find a less hazardous substitute for the product. Share unused portions instead of dumping them. Also, do not burn or bury the products or their containers.
- Keep leftover product in original containers and store in a safe, dry place away from heat or flames.
- Keep containers dry to prevent corrosion. If the container starts to corrode, place it in a plastic bucket with a tight fitting lid, then pack with clay-based kitty litter.
- Keep labels intact.
- Do not reuse pesticide or chemical containers.
- Do not use pesticides over ten years old because they may be banned.
- Do not mix the products or their wastes.
- Do not put toxic materials in the trash or sewer.
- Check where you are supposed to dispose of questionable materials before you throw them out to make sure you are doing it properly.
- If you can place containers in the trash, wrap the empty container in layers of newspaper before disposing with other household wastes.
- For information on HHW drop-off sites in your area, please contact your local PRIDE coordinator or the PRIDE office.

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Household Hazardous Waste



Danger



Explosive



Flammable



Corrosive



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COMMON HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES

CLEANERS/PROTECTANTS:

- Disinfectant
- Wood Preservative
- Aerosol Products
- Drain Cleaners
- Fluorescent Lights
- Mothballs
- Nail Polish/Remover
- Oven Cleaner
- Furniture Polish
- Tub and Tile Cleaner
- Ammonia
- Floor Cleaner
- Wax
- Auto Dishwashing Detergent
- Mildew Cleaner
- Scouring Powder
- Silver/Metal Polish
- Polish with Solvents

LAUNDRY:

- Spot Removers
- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach

HOME IMPROVEMENT:

- Concrete Cleaner
- Driveway Sealer
- Furniture Stripper
- Glue with Solvents
- Latex Paint
- Oil Based Paint
- Paint Remover/Thinner
- Roofing Tar
- Stain/Varnish
- Wood Preservatives
- Caulk
- Adhesives

AUTO:

- Oil
- Antifreeze
- Car Batteries
- Gas/Kerosene

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Button Batteries
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Charcoal Lighter Fluid
- Mercury Thermometers

PESTS:

- Fertilizer
- Insect Killer
- Pool Chemicals
- Weed Killer
- Rodenticide
- Pet Spray and Dip
- Flea Collars
- Mothballs



HHW ALTERNATIVES

All-Purpose Cleaner:

- One cup baking soda in one gallon of hot water.
- Soap and hot water
- Citrus-based products

Glass Cleaner:

- 1 part water, 1 part vinegar

Drain Cleaner:

- Baking Soda and Vinegar: Pour ½ Cup baking soda then ½ Cup white vinegar down drain and Set for a few minutes, then pour a kettle of boiling water down the drain.

Furniture Polish:

- 2 parts olive oil and 1 part lemon juice. Apply and polish with a soft cloth.

Lime and Mineral Deposit Remover:

- Cover deposits with vinegar-soaked rags or paper towels. Leave for about 1 hour before cleaning. This also cleans and shines chrome.
- For showerheads, submerge showerhead in ½ cup white vinegar and 1 quart water and boil for 15 minutes. Do not boil plastic showerheads—just add hot water instead and soak for an hour.

Metal Cleaner/Polish:

- To remove stains from aluminum cookware, fill cookware with hot water and add 2 Tbsp. crème of tartar to each quart of water, bring to a boil, and simmer for ten minutes.
- Unlacquered brass may be cleaned with a soft cloth dampened with Worcestershire sauce. Olive oil also retards tarnishing.
- Tarnish can be cleaned off cold and silver (not silver plate) with toothpaste and a soft toothbrush or cloth.
- Polish chrome with baby oil.

Mothballs:

- Cedar blocks or chips

Toilet Bowl Cleaners:

- Pumice stone to remove stains

Pests:

- Ants and roaches may be killed with boric acid spread liberally around where they are entering the house. Do not use this around small children and animals.

Laundry:

- Crème of tartar can remove an ink stain by placing it on the stain, then placing a few drops of lemon juice over it, then rubbing into the stain. Rinse with warm water or launder.

Deodorizer:

- Baking soda or corn-starch

Disinfectant:

- Soap and hot water
- Citrus-based products



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