

What to Do With Your Household Hazardous Waste

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household Hazardous Wastes are household products that can cause injury or are harmful if not used, stored or disposed of properly. There are many things in your home that can be dangerous if they are not disposed of properly. The average household in Franklin County creates 15 pounds of hazardous waste every year. Hazardous materials must not be put with regular trash because they can harm trash collectors and create environmental problems. These chemicals pose a threat to people (particularly children, refuse workers and firefighters) pets and our environment. Soil and water pollution can result from improper disposal of HHW.

Household Hazardous Waste includes, but is not limited to:

Acids	Gasoline	Pesticides
Adhesives	Herbicides	Polishes
Ammunition	Insect killers	Pool Chemicals
Anti-freeze	Iodine	Rat poison
Bleach	Kerosene	Solvents
Car Batteries	Lighter fluid	Strong chemicals
Cleaners	Mercury	Turpentine
Disinfectants	Motor oil	Weed killers
Fertilizers	Paint	
Gas cylinders	Paint thinner	

DO:

- Read the label. Some products have directions for proper use, storage and disposal on the label.
- Consider safer products. Baking soda makes a good scouring powder. Cedar shavings and aromatic herbs can replace mothballs.
- Choose the least hazardous product and buy only what you need.
- Try to use up the product. If you have some left, give it to a friend or neighbor to be used up.
- Store them carefully because many products are dangerous for children and pets. Keep products in their original containers.
- Take used motor oil and car batteries to local recycling centers.
- Save them for free Hazardous Waste Disposal Days
- Take them to SWACO's Hazardous Waste Site (See above)

HHW drop-off location: 1249 Essex Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201

Hours are:

- Wednesdays Noon to 6 p.m.
- Thursdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Fridays Noon to 6 p.m.
- Closed on Holidays

For more information, call (614) 871-5100 or visit www.swaco.org