

Household Hazardous Waste Guide

Improper disposal of hazardous waste can negatively affect human health and water supply. Use this guide to know which items to take to a collection site

REDUCE TOXICITY AT HOME

- Buy only what you need and use it up
- Avoid aerosols, choose pump sprays
- Choose water-based over solvent-based products when possible
- Switch to safer substitutes or make your own cleaners

All-purpose cleaner recipe

- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 2 tsp. borax
- 3 1/2 cups hot water
- 20 drops lemon or lavender essential oil
- 1/4 cup liquid dish soap

In a spray bottle, mix the vinegar, borax, and water. Add essential oil if desired. Add dish soap last



Find more nontoxic cleaning recipes on the MPCA website

Garage and Workshop

	TAKE TO HHW	TOSS IN TRASH	POUR IN DRAIN
Acetone	✓		
Adhesive, solvent-based	✓		
Artist's paints and media	✓		
Autobody repair products	✓		
Battery acid	✓		
Brake fluid	✓		
Car batteries	✓		
Car wax, solvent-based	✓		
Concrete cleaner	✓		
Contact cement	✓		
Driveway sealer	✓		
Fiberglass epoxy	✓		
Flares/Fuses	✓		
Gasoline and other fuels	✓		
Glue, solvent-based	✓		
Glue, water-based		✓	
Joint compound		✓	
Lighter fluid	✓		
Motor oil	✓		
Oil filters	✓		
Other oils	✓		
Paint, all types	✓		
Paint cans, empty		✓	
Paint thinner	✓		
Paint stripper	✓		
Parts cleaner, degreaser	✓		
Photographic chemicals	✓		
Roof/foundation coating	✓		
Rust remover	✓		
Shellac	✓		
Stain	✓		
Transmission fluid	✓		
Turpentine	✓		
Varnish	✓		
Windshield washer solution	✓		
Wood filler	✓		
Wood preservative	✓		

Kitchen and Bathroom

	TAKE TO HHW	TOSS IN TRASH	POUR IN DRAIN
Alcohol-based lotions (perfume, aftershave)	✓		
Bleach			✓
Cleaners, ammonia-based			✓
Cleaners, solvent-based	✓		
Cosmetics		✓	
Disinfectants			✓
Drain cleaner			✓
Floor care products	✓		
Hair remover	✓		
Medicine**		✓	
Nail polish	✓		
Nail polish remover	✓		
Oven cleaner	✓		
Permanent wave solution			✓
Skin cream		✓	
Toilet bowl cleaner			✓
Tub and tile cleaner			✓
Window cleaner	✓		

NOTE: **SEPTIC SYSTEMS** may be adversely affected by large quantities of "pour in drain" materials. Those products should be taken to a hazardous waste collection site

REUSE WHEN POSSIBLE

- Drop-off and find leftover products at WLSSD and Virginia Landfill reuse centers for free
- Give leftover products to someone who will use them

Home and Garden

	TAKE TO HHW	TOSS IN TRASH	POUR IN DRAIN
Aerosol cans, empty*		✓	
Aerosol cans, full	✓		
Ammunition	✓		
Batteries, alkaline		✓	
Batteries, all rechargeables, button	✓		
Charcoal lighter fluid	✓		
Dry cleaning solvent	✓		
Fertilizer		✓	
Fertilizer with weed killer	✓		
Fireworks	✓		
Fluorescent tubes	✓		
Fungicide	✓		
Furniture polish	✓		
Insect killer (insecticide)	✓		
Insect spray, repellent	✓		
Light ballasts	✓		
Light bulbs fluorescent/CFL	✓		
Light bulbs, incandescent, LED, halogen		✓	
Mercury compounds	✓		
Mercury thermometers	✓		
Mercury thermostats	✓		
Metal polish, solvent-based	✓		
Mothballs	✓		
Pesticide	✓		
Pool chemicals	✓		
Rat poison	✓		
Shoe polish	✓		
Smoke detectors/Carbon monoxide detectors (batteries removed)		✓	
Spot remover	✓		
Stump remover	✓		
Weed killer (herbicide)	✓		

*Recyclable

**Also collected at Sheriff's office