



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

A product is hazardous if it contains substances that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- TOXIC – poisonous to humans, domesticated animals, or the environment.
- IGNITABLE – can catch fire easily.
- CORROSIVE – can eat through living tissue or materials.
- REACTIVE – explosive or can produce deadly vapors.

PROPER HANDLING AND STORAGE IS IMPORTANT

Always keep hazardous products out of the reach of children and pets. To find out whether or not a product is hazardous, check the label. Products labeled **DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION** warn of potential hazards if the chemical is misused, spilled or disposed of improperly. Often labels contain important first-aid information in case of accidental ingestion, inhalation, or skin contact.

- Read and follow the instruction on a chemical product carefully.
- Call the manufacturer or dealer if the instructions are unclear.
- Never use more of a product than the manufacturer recommends.
- Do not mix products; mixing may cause a poisonous reaction.
- And always keep the original label on for identification purposes and in case of accidental poisoning or spills.

CONSEQUENCES OF IMPROPER DISPOSAL

Household hazardous wastes should always be separated from normal household trash. The modern sanitary landfill is not equipped to accept hazardous wastes. Hazardous wastes disposed in a landfill can leach into the ground and contaminate soil and groundwater.

Do not just pour hazardous products down the drain. Neither septic systems nor wastewater treatment plants are designed to handle hazardous wastes. **Do not pour them onto the ground or into storm drains either.** Local storm drains lead directly to the Columbia River or drain into the ground. Both the Columbia River and groundwater are extracted for drinking water!

LOCAL RESOURCES

Residents of both Benton and Franklin counties can dispose of their household hazardous waste for FREE at their respective household hazardous waste disposal facilities.

Benton County: Richland Landfill	Franklin County: BDI Transfer
3102 Grosscup Road	1721 Dietrich Road
Richland	Pasco
8am-4pm M-F, 9am-5pm S-Sun	Fridays 1-5pm
942-7387	547-2088

The following locations have LIMITED household hazardous waste collections:

Location:

Kennewick Waste Management
Ely and 27th
Benton City Drop Box
Off 7th by Waste Water Treatment
Center
Prosser Drop Box
At 10th and Sheridan at the Public
Works Shop

HHW Accepted at all sites:

Paints, water and oil
based
Auto batteries
Non-commercial motor oil
Non commercial antifreeze

Items NOT accepted at these facilities include:

- Medical waste
- Radioactive materials
- Explosives
- Industrial, commercial or agricultural waste
- Ammunition
- Asbestos

Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

None scheduled at this time.