

# What is Household Hazardous Waste?

When leftover paint, used oil, pool chemicals and other products containing hazardous materials are no longer wanted, they become “Household Hazardous Waste,” or “HHW.” It is illegal to dispose of HHW in the garbage, down drains, or onto the ground, as it may threaten human health or the environment. Illegally disposed hazardous waste can release chemicals into the environment and contaminate our air, water, and even the food we eat. Americans generate over 1.6 million tons of HHW per year; that’s about 100 pounds of HHW for every household!



## IN THE HOME

### Household Cleaners

- Abrasive Cleaners
- Ammonia-based Cleaners
- Bleach-based Cleaners
- Chlorine Bleach
- Disinfectants
- Drain Openers
- Glass Cleaners
- Oven Cleaners
- Scouring Powder
- Spot Removers
- Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- Upholstery & Rug Cleaners
- Other Chemicals

### Other Household Products

- Aerosol Spray Cans
- Floor Polish
- Furniture Polish
- Mercury Devices
- Medications\*
- Mothballs
- Nail Polish & Remover
- Propane Tanks (5 gallon maximum)
- Silver Polish
- Sharps (lancets, blood test items)\*\*
- Syringes\*\*
- Thermometers

\* No controlled substances

\*\* Must be delivered in a sealed biohazard container, available online or at your local store or pharmacy, or a heavy duty plastic container.

## IN THE GARDEN

### Pesticides & Garden Products

- Chemical Fertilizers
- Flea Collars, Sprays & Bombs
- Fungicides & Pesticides
- Herbicide & Weed Killers
- Insecticide & Bug Killers
- Rodent Poisons
- Snail & Slug Poisons

### Pool & Hobby Products

- Artist & Model Paints
- Solvents
- Photographic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals, including Disinfectants & PH Balancing Chemicals
- Solvent-Based & Epoxy Glues

### Visit Our Reuse Room For FREE Products!

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility Reuse Room has products available that are new or gently used. Items typically include usable paint, solvents, plant fertilizers, pesticides, cleaners, pool supplies and much more. Customers may take up to 10 items per week, **FREE** of charge.

## IN THE GARAGE

### Automotive Products

- Antifreeze
- Auto & Motorcycle Batteries
- Auto Paint & Primer
- Car Waxes & Polishes
- Engine Cleaner & Degreaser
- Gasoline & Diesel Fuel
- Kerosene
- Motor Oil
- Solvents & Acids
- Transmission Fluid
- Other Automotive Fluids

### Paint Products

- Enamel & Oil-based Paint
- Furniture Stripper
- Latex & Water-based Paint
- Paint Stripper
- Rust Paint
- Stain
- Thinner, Solvent & Turpentine
- Varnish
- Wood Preservative

For other convenient paint take-back locations, visit:

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## UNIVERSAL WASTE

### Common Hazardous Items or Products

- Batteries:
  - Alkaline
  - Button Style
  - Lead Acid
  - NiCad
  - Rechargeables
- Fluorescent Lights & Bulbs
- Mercury Devices:
  - Mercury Thermometers
  - Mercury Thermostats
  - Other Devices Containing Mercury
- Consumer Electronic Devices\* (e-waste):
  - Answering Machines
  - Cellular Phones
  - Computers
  - Computer Monitors\*\*
  - Printers
  - Radios & Stereos
  - Telephones
  - Televisions\*\*
  - VCR/DVD Players
  - Other Small Consumer Electronics

\*Limit of 5 electronic devices per trip.

\*\*21 inch screen maximum at this facility.

Transport no more than 15 gallons/125 pounds per trip.

**HHW FACILITY OPEN THURSDAY - SUNDAY FROM 9:00AM - 3:00PM (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS)**

## Household Hazardous Waste In The Home

Household Hazardous Waste should never be thrown in the trash, washed down the drain, or poured onto the ground.

- Never leave hazardous products within reach of children.
- Buy products in smaller sizes with less or no harmful ingredients.
- REDUCE waste by purchasing only the amount needed to do the job.
- REUSE by donating unused portions of common items, such as paint or fertilizer, to friends or community organizations.
- RECYCLE by taking unwanted products to your local HHW Facility.

## How Can I Determine How Hazardous Products Are?

Determining how hazardous products are may not be simple, but reading the labels will give you some clues. Hazardous products are often marked with warning labels or cautions because they contain chemicals that may be TOXIC, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE or REACTIVE.

To reduce the hazards in your home, read the labels on competing products and choose products that are non-hazardous or less hazardous. Products labeled “caution” or “warning” are generally less harmful than those that are labeled with “danger” or “poison.”

Look for these key terms on the product label:

### CAUTION:

Mild to Moderately Hazardous

### WARNING:

Moderately Hazardous

### DANGER:

Extremely Flammable, Corrosive or Toxic

### POISON:

Highly Toxic

COUNTY ORDINANCE PROHIBITS DUMPING ANYTHING DOWN A STORM DRAIN OR INTO A WATERWAY. TO REPORT STORM DRAIN DUMPING, PLEASE CALL: (866) 755-4955



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Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### San Joaquin County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

7850 R.A. Bridgeford Street  
Stockton, CA 95206  
209-468-3066

### Hours:

Thursday – Sunday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Closed New Year’s Day, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.



### DIRECTIONS TO HHW FACILITY:

**From I-5:** Take French Camp Rd. exit, proceed east on Arch Airport Rd./Sperry Rd., turn right on Airport Way, turn left on C.E. Dixon St., turn right on R.A. Bridgeford St., turn left into facility at “Entrance Only” gate.

**From Highway 99:** Take Arch Rd. exit, proceed west, turn left on Airport Way, turn left on C.E. Dixon St., turn right on R.A. Bridgeford St., turn left into facility at “Entrance Only” gate.

### Transportation Rules:

- Transport no more than 15 gallons/125 pounds per trip.\*
- Don’t mix chemicals.
- Place chemicals in sealed containers.
- Transport in trunk and pack to avoid spilling.

\* We reserve the right to reject any loads that exceed legal limits.

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**FREE DISPOSAL**  
of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) for residents of San Joaquin County.



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