

Look for these labels to alert you to chemical hazards.



**ACUTE TOXICITY**



**EXPLOSIVE**



**FLAMMABLE**



**CORROSIVE**



**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD**



**HEALTH HAZARD**



**PRESSURIZED CYLINDER**



**GENERAL HAZARD**



**OXIDIZING**

## HELPFUL HINTS & SAFETY TIPS

**Reduce:** Buy only what you need. The best use of a product is what it was designed for—use it up if you can.

**Reuse:** Share leftovers with friends and neighbors. Donate unused products to community organizations such as schools or churches.

**Recycle:** More and more products are recyclable these days. It's good for the environment and good for business.

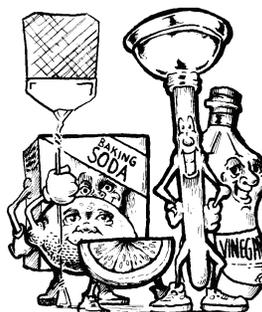
**Keep products in their original containers.** Remember, never mix chemicals!

**Properly store all hazardous waste.** Seal and label all containers and check to make sure the containers don't leak. Never store flammables and oxidizers together—that's a fire waiting to happen!

**Put them somewhere safe.** As a general rule, try to keep chemicals away from heat, children, and animals.

**Consider less-toxic alternatives.**

Common products like baking soda, vinegar, and lemon juice can be used for a variety of household cleaning projects. Check the internet for ideas and recipes.



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## What is Household Hazardous Waste?

*“Hazardous waste is any material discarded by a household, farm, or small business which is difficult to dispose of or which puts human health or the environment at risk because of its chemical or biological nature.”* -EPA 2009

Household Hazardous Waste (or HHW) is any waste that contains ingredients that are flammable, explosive, corrosive, or present a health or pollution hazard.

HHW is used or leftover products from our homes, garages, or businesses that contain hazardous substances. We use HHW products every day to clean our homes, improve our gardens, car maintenance, personal hygiene, and other uses.

Many people are relatively unaware of the hazardous nature of products they purchase even through the packaging will often carry warnings and symbols alongside the description of how to use the product correctly.

If these products are not properly used, stored, and disposed of, they can present a hazard to our health and our environment.

## Why can't I throw HHW in the trash?

HHW is toxic and can harm human health, wildlife, and the environment. HHW can injure sanitation workers if improperly disposed.

It is **illegal** to put HHW in the trash, burn it, pour it down storm drains, or dump it on the ground.

Eventually, those chemicals can contaminate our water, air, and possibly even the food we eat.



## What are some examples of Household Hazardous Waste?

Many common household products may be considered HHW when they are discarded, such as:

- Adhesives
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Bleach
- Cosmetics
- Fluorescent lights
- Furniture polish
- Insecticides, herbicides, and rat poisons
- Lighter fluid, gasoline, and diesel
- Mercury thermostats
- Paint (latex & oil based)
- Photography chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents & cleaners
- Used motor oil
- Wood stain, varnish, and preservatives
- And many more!



## Where can I get rid of Household Hazardous Waste?

Some materials are too difficult or dangerous to dispose of on a regular basis. Safely store your HHW and wait for a temporary collection event to be announced.

There are options available in Siskiyou County for some common products:

- **Batteries:** All Transfer Stations and City Halls in Siskiyou County accept used batteries for free.
- **Fluorescent lights:** All Transfer Stations in Siskiyou County accept both light tubes and compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) for free.
- **Paint:** The Fort Jones Lumber Yard and Solano's Do-It-Best Hardware in Mt. Shasta and Weed accept used paint for free. Visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) for more information.
- **Used Oil:** There are many locations to recycle used motor oil in Siskiyou County for free. Call 1-800-CLEANUP for more information.

Be sure to call ahead and **never** leave any chemicals at any location after hours.