



Household Hazardous Waste



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What are household hazardous wastes?

Household wastes which can burn easily (flammable), corrode or irritate skin (corrosive), generate heat or explode (reactive), or poison humans and animals (toxic) are examples of household hazardous wastes.

BUY ONLY WHAT YOU NEED TO DO THE JOB.

Can I throw these household chemicals out with the garbage?

Chemicals thrown out with the household trash may present a risk to refuse workers and can harm the environment. Dumping waste chemicals on the ground or into a sewer can contaminate our air and water.

PLEASE DON'T DISCARD HAZARDOUS WASTE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.

How can I properly manage my household hazardous waste?

Each of us is responsible for managing household hazardous waste properly. The easiest and best solution is to not generate the waste in the first place. You can do this by buying only the amount of a product that you need, and then using up the entire product *. Waste reduction must be a top priority for managing wastes.

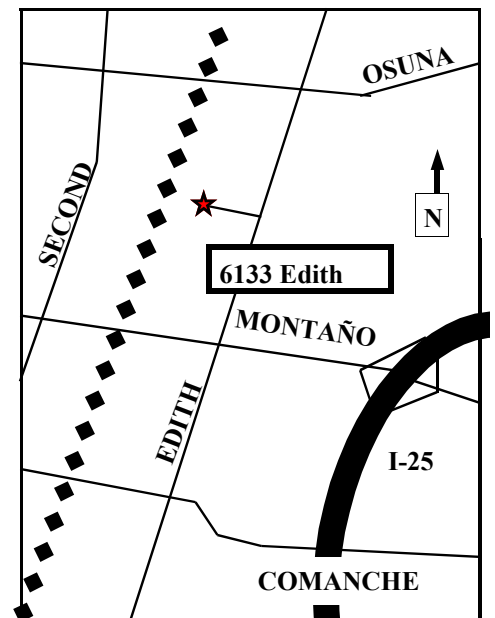
KEEP PRODUCTS IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS.

NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.

* Check the Household Hazardous Waste chart on the reverse for tips on how to dispose of wastes so as to prevent pollution and protect human health and the environment.

If you must dispose of these products.....

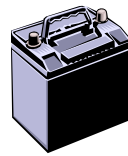
- ...follow disposal guidelines on the container as well as on the chart on the reverse side; call the **Office of Environmental Health 314-0310** if you are unsure of how to dispose of a household hazardous waste.
- ...share unused products with friends, neighbors or local groups, keeping products in their original containers with labels.
- ...never burn or bury hazardous waste; this can cause water and air pollution.
- ...never pour hazardous waste down street drains or storm sewers, nor dump along roadsides; this can cause water pollution.
- ...never mix wastes; this may cause an explosion or an even more hazardous product.
- ...do not reuse hazardous waste containers for food storage.



**YOU ARE THE SOURCE.....
BE THE SOLUTION!**

The City of Albuquerque Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center is located at 6133 Edith Boulevard NE. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 8:30am-4:30pm, and Saturdays 8:00am-3:00pm. The collection center is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For additional information call the center at 345-1650, or 998-4154.

Φ) May be reused or recycled; to verify, please call the Environmental Services Division at 768-2600



(*) Pour small amounts down drain with plenty of water; rinse containers thoroughly before discarding

(Θ) do not dispose of in septic tank

(§) may be placed in trash for landfill

- (1) wrap in newspaper or plastic first
- (2) evaporate contents before discarding
- (3) solidify with absorbant material

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Deposit at the HHWCC Center



Personal Care	Φ	*	§	Θ
Cosmetics			§	
Hair Permanent		*		
Head Lice Shampoo		*		
Medicine (liquid)		*		
Medicine (non-liquid)		*	§	
Antibiotics		*Θ		
Nail polish			§3	
Nail polish remover			§3	Ø
Perfume/ shaving lotion		*		
Rubbing alcohol		*		
Shoe polish			§	
Hearing aid batteries			§	
Home Care & Maintenance	Φ	*	§	Θ
Basin, tub, window cleaners		*		
Bleach		*		
Toilet bowl disinfectants		*Θ		
Dry cleaning fluid, spot remover				Ø
Glue (solvent-based)			§3	Ø
Glue (water-based)			§3	
Mothballs				Ø
Upholstery cleaner (detergent-based)		*		
Upholstery cleaner (solvent-based)				Ø
Copper, silver polish			§ 2/3	
Floor, furniture polish				Ø
Rust remover			§	
Light bulbs, tubes			§	
Flea collars			§ 1	
Fertilizer				Ø
Fungicides, insecticides, rat poison				Ø
Roach killer				Ø
Weed killer				Ø
Empty containers			§	

Workshop & Hobby	Φ	*	§	Θ
Artist oils and acrylics				Ø
Chemistry sets				Ø
Gun Cleaning solvents				Ø
Photo chemicals		*Θ		Ø
Rubber cement thinner				Ø
Pool chemicals		*Θ		Ø
Flashlight and toy batteries			§	
Oil-based paints				Ø
Primers, rusts, stains, varnishes				Ø
Wood preservatives				Ø
Latex paints			§ 2/3	Ø
Paint thinner				Ø
Turpentine				Ø
Paintbrush cleaner (phosphate-based)		*Θ		
Paintbrush cleaner (solvent-based)				Ø
Paint, varnish stripper (lye-based)		*Θ		
Paint, varnish stripper (solvent-based)				Ø
Automotive Care	Φ	*	§	Θ
Antifreeze	Φ	*Θ		Ø
Automatic transmission fluid	Φ			Ø
Batteries (car and boat)	Φ			Ø
Brake fluid	Φ			Ø
Carburetor cleaner				Ø
Degreasing chemicals				Ø
Diesel fuel	Φ			Ø
Enamels			§3	Ø
Gasoline				Ø
Kerosene	Φ			Ø
Light lubricating oil	Φ			Ø
Motor oil	Φ			Ø
Polish and wax			§3	
Windshield washer fluid		*		

For additional information: