

Tips for Transport

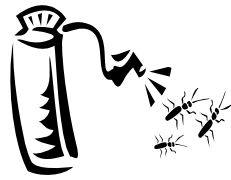
Improperly packaged hazardous waste is dangerous to you, your family and pets, the environment and our staff.

- Keep products in their original container.
- **Never** mix different products together.
- Make sure items are well sealed, lids tight.
- Place items in a leak-proof tub packed with newspaper.
- Wrap fluorescent bulbs and tubes in newspaper to prevent breakage.
- Do not bring containers larger than 5-gallon size without calling first.

Protect your family

Each year **one in ten** children under age six visits the emergency room because of accidental exposure to common hazardous household products.

Look around your home and garage to inventory the products you have. Are there products you no longer need? Do your part to protect your family and the environment from HHW by bringing excess products to our facility.



What you should bring us:

- Automotive products-used motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, brake fluid, waxes, batteries, cleaners.
- Gardening supplies-pesticides, fertilizers containing weed killer, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides.
- Painting supplies-oil based paints and stains, latex paints, thinners, solvents.
- Kerosene, heating oil, diesel fuel
- Pool/Spa chemicals
- Household cleaners
- Batteries
- Fluorescent tubes/bulbs

We do not accept:

- Explosives and ammunition
- Medical waste (and other sharps)
- Radioactive waste
- Asbestos
- Agricultural waste
- Electronics
- Empty Containers



Household Hazardous Waste

A free service for residential hazardous waste in Yakima County.



Yakima County Public Services
Solid Waste Division
7151 Roza Hill Drive
Yakima, WA 98901
509-574-2450

<http://www.co.yakima.wa.us/>



What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Common Hazardous Products

Hazardous products used in homes are called household hazardous waste (HHW). Hazardous materials can be found in almost every home, including:

- **Fluorescent tubes/bulbs**
- **Cleaners**
- **Pool/spa supplies**
- **Gardening supplies**
- **Hobby supplies**
- **Paints**
- **Solvents**

How can you identify HHW?

Read the label! Products with the following signal words are considered hazardous:

- **Caution**
- **Flammable**
- **Corrosive**
- **Warning**
- **Poisonous**
- **Explosive**
- **Danger**
- **Toxic**

Contact us

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
7151 Roza Hill Drive (Terrace Heights Landfill)

Hours of operation:

7:30 am to 5 pm Wednesday through Friday

9 am to 5 pm Saturday

Phone: 509-574-2472

Avoid Hazardous Products

Be a Smart Buyer

Choosing products wisely can go a long way toward protecting our environment. When purchasing products remember to use less toxic alternatives whenever possible. Be sure to follow the label instructions carefully and only use heavy duty cleaners for heavy duty jobs. Remember “elbow grease” reduces the amount of solvents needed.

Examine Your Painting Needs

Try to buy only what you think you will need and use latex paints whenever possible. If you buy latex paint and have less than two inches left in the can, just open it up and let it dry out. When completely dry, leave the lid off and throw the can into your trashcan.

Reduce Pesticides

Plant pest and disease resistant species. Try to avoid preventative applications and “weed-n-feed” products and follow directions carefully when resorting to chemical pest management.

Used Oil Recycling

The HHW Facility provides 23 rural oil recycling sites throughout the county. For a list of their locations, call 509-574-2450. We also accept oil at all Solid Waste Division Facilities.

Disposal of HHW

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Products that go through the HHW facility are either: consolidated to reduce the amount of space they take up for disposal; given away to others who might use them or sent to a facility where they can be recycled into new products.

Materials Exchange Program

Our HHW Facility saves unused or partially used items (must be in original containers) including painting supplies, automotive products, gardening supplies, and household cleaners. These products are available for free for any individual or service group who can use them. This type of recycling saves space in the landfill and helps others who need a product for another use.

Illegal Dumping

Improperly dumped hazardous waste can end up in our drinking water, lakes and rivers. Ask your sewer utility before you put any questionable liquids down the drain. Remember hazardous waste doesn't just disappear when it goes down a drain, toilet, storm drain or on the ground. To report illegal dumping call the Department of Ecology at 509-575-2490.