

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste products are waste materials that can be harmful to human health or the environment if used, stored or thrown away improperly. These wastes are the leftovers from common household products we all have in our homes. When the product is no longer useable or wanted, it becomes household hazardous waste. Between 3 – 10 gallons of household hazardous waste can be found stored in an average household.

How do you know what products are hazardous?

- Read the product label. Signal words provide a quick and easy way to judge a product's hazard level:
 - **CAUTION:** Mild / Slightly Hazardous
 - **WARNING:** Moderately Hazardous
 - **DANGER:** Extremely Flammable, Corrosive or Toxic
 - **POISON:** Highly Toxic
- Many product labels give instructions on how to use the product and how to properly dispose of product leftovers. Examples of household hazardous waste products include: paint, fertilizer with weed killer, household cleaning products, etc.

<i>HOT TIP!</i>	Buying carefully, storing carefully, and using carefully will prevent household hazardous waste and protect the environment. It is always important to buy the least hazardous product to get the job done.
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What should I do with my household hazardous waste?

- Don't throw it in the trash.
- Don't pour it in the sewer.
- Don't pour it on the ground.
- Take it to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

YOU ARE IN CONTROL!! Prevent hazardous disposal problems by reading the product's label and buying products that are less toxic to get the job done.

When and where are Household Hazardous Waste Collections?

Where	Location	When	Time
PrairieLand Compost Facility	Northeast edge of Truman, MN - east of Profinium Financial	During the months of May through September	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Martin County Clean-up Day (collection for HHW, tires, appliances, electronics, furniture)	Martin County Highway Department, 1200 Marcus Street	One-day collection, to be planned for sometime in June, 2005.	Usually 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Watch newspapers and cable channels for other sites in summer months throughout Martin and Faribault Counties			

There is **NO CHARGE** to bring Household Hazardous Waste items to a PrairieLand Collection in either Martin or Faribault County. These collections are only to households, **NO BUSINESS WASTE** is accepted. If you have business waste, you may need to use the small quantity generator program in Martin and Faribault Counties. Call the PrairieLand Solid Waste Coordinator, (507) 238-3115 for more information.

Which Household Hazardous Waste Products Will Be Accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Collections?

Household Products

Aerosol cans that aren't empty
(empty ones can be placed in
regular garbage)
Aluminum cleaners
Ammonia based cleaners
Household insect spray
Degreasers
Floor care products Furniture polish
Fluorescent bulbs and ballasts
Mercury Thermometers (see
information on the web site about
mercury thermometer exchange
program)
Metal polish with solvent
Oven cleaners
Paint (latex or oil)
Rechargeable and button batteries
Window cleaners

Garage

Adhesives
Battery acid
Car wax with solvent
Caulking compound
Diesel fuel
Fuel Oil
Gasoline
Glues
Kerosene
Lead Acid Batteries
Paint thinner and solvents
Roofing tar
Turpentine
Wood preservatives
No Oil at HHW collections
– see web pages on oil
and oil filters for recycling
information

EMPTY PAINT CANS ARE NOT ACCEPTED
**(Empty cans can be placed in regular
garbage)**

Miscellaneous

Artists' paints
Dry cleaning solvents
Fertilizer
Fiberglass epoxy
Lawn / garden products
Lighter fluid
Mothballs
Photographic chemicals
Rat poison
Weed killer

***Not a complete list

For more information call the Prairieland Solid Waste Coordinator (507)
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