

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE HOME CHECK LIST

How many hazardous chemicals do you have in your home? Use this checklist to find out.
CAUTION: Children SHOULD NOT touch chemicals nor complete this checklist without the supervision of an adult.

CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOME:

ammonia	_____
detergents	_____
drain cleaners	_____
floor wax	_____
furniture polish	_____
metal polish	_____
mothballs	_____
oven cleaners	_____
septic tank cleaners	_____
spot removers	_____
window cleaners	_____
aerosol sprays	_____
nail polish remover	_____
toilet bowl cleaners	_____
tub & tile cleaners	_____
artificial dyes	_____
glues & cements	_____
household batteries	_____
paints & stains	_____
photo chemicals	_____
pool chemicals	_____
stain & varnish removers	_____
thermometers	_____
turpentine & paint removers	_____
varnish	_____
wood sealers	_____
brake fluid	_____
car & truck batteries	_____
lighter fluid	_____
motor oil	_____
tires	_____
transmission fluid	_____
fungicides	_____
herbicides	_____
insect repellents	_____
pesticides	_____

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO ABOUT THESE PRODUCTS?

- 1. IDENTIFY THEM:** Look for the following words and phrases on labels:

WARNING * CAUTION * DANGER

Flammable, Volatile, Toxic, Corrosive, Caustic, Reactive, Poison, Contains Phosphates, Eye Irritant, Harmful if Swallowed, Do Not Mix, Wear Rubber Gloves.

- 2. USE UP ENTIRELY:** Always read labels and follow directions carefully. If you can't use a product up, try to find a neighbor, friend, or community organization who can.
- 3. STORE IN A COOL DRY PLACE:** Between collection events or trips to the recycling center, keep all hazardous products in original containers with lids fastened securely. Do not mix, combine, or consolidate them.
- 4. RECYCLE OR TAKE TO COLLECTION SITE:** Never throw hazardous products away with your regular trash. Motor oil, brake and transmission fluid, antifreeze, and car batteries can be recycled at most service stations.
- 5. USE ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE PRODUCTS:** Use latex paints instead of oil based paints. Look for products that say: "Environmentally safe", "biodegradable", "contains no phosphorus", "non-toxic", "non-corrosive", "low VOC" (Volatile Organic Compounds that cause paint "fumes.").

- 6. DON'T LET PRODUCTS GO TO WASTE:** Buy only what is needed to do the job. Avoid over-purchasing with the thought that it can be used later.