

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

These solid or liquid materials and gas containers have outlived their usefulness and could harm people or the environment without special handling and treatment in how they are discarded. They can be flammable, corrosive, explosive or toxic, and because of these dangerous characteristics, should not be sent to the landfill or emptied into sewer systems.

Household hazardous products in Canada display one or more of the following symbols:

Flammable - burn easily (painting wastes, degreasers, and other solvents).

Corrosive - eat away surfaces and skin (rust removers, alkaline cleaning fluids and old batteries).

Reactive/Explosive - react violently when mixed with other chemicals, under pressure or heat (aerosols).

Toxic/Poison - poison or cause damage to living organisms (materials containing heavy metals like mercury, lead or cadmium).

When a product displaying one or more of the warning symbols is discarded (after considering reuse possibilities), it should be disposed of properly.

Here are some of the items brought to household hazardous waste round-ups or other hazardous waste collection sites:

Abrasive cleansers	Furniture polishes and waxes	Rug and upholstery cleaners
Acetone	Gasoline	Rust removers
Aerosol paints and sprays	Glass cleaners	Septic tank degreaser
Air fresheners (aerosol)	Glues	Shoe polish
All-purpose cleaners	Hair coloring	Silver and brass polish
Ammonia	Hair perm solutions	Turpentine, varnish, lacquers
Ant/wasp spray	Hair sprays (aerosol)	Spot removers
Antifreeze	Insecticides	Spa and pool chemicals
Auto body filler	Kerosene	Toilet cleaners
Barbeque starters	Laundry starch	Tub and tile cleaners
Bleach	Laundry stain removers	Used oil
Brake and transmission fluid	Lighter fluid	Weed killers
Butane refills	Liquid cleansers	Windshield washer solution
Carbon tetrachloride	Lye	Wood preservatives
Car (lead-acid) batteries	Mildew removers	
Car waxes and polishes	Muriatic acid	
Contact cement	Nail polish and remover	
Degreasers	Oven cleaners	
Disinfectants	Paint thinners and strippers	
Drain cleaners	Paints	
Fabric softeners	Photographic chemicals	
Floor wax strippers	Propane gas cylinders	
Fungicides	Rechargeable Batteries	
	Rubbing alcohol	