

What to Bring to a HHW Collection

Oil-based paints/stains*	Tub & tile cleaners
Paint strippers	Toilet cleaners
Motor Oil*	Spot removers
Gasoline	Roofing Sealers
Antifreeze*	Insecticides
Driveway Sealers	Insect repellants
Pool Chemicals	Weed killers
Pesticides	Rat and mouse poisons
Photo Chemicals	Pet spray and dips
Mineral Spirits	Flea collars
Spray Paints	Mothballs
Household cleaners	Shoe polish
Detergents	Adhesives & glues
Bleach	Lighter fluid
Oven cleaners	Windshield wiper fluid
Drain openers	Brake fluid

The Following Items Will Not Be Accepted

Latex paints/stains*	Fire Extinguishers
Ammunition	Fluorescent light bulbs*
Explosives	Medications
Asbestos	Rechargeable batteries
Commercial wastes	Smoke detectors
Electronics	

* Many municipal transfer stations have special programs for these items.

Remember These Dates

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District will be holding two one-day collections for household hazardous waste in 2010. The collections will be held on:

Sunday, August 29th
at the Littleton Transfer Station
1213 Mt. Eustis Road
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, September 11th
at the Plymouth Recycling Center
56 Beech Hill Road
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

For more information contact your local recycling facility.

Transport Your HHW to a Collection, Safely!

- Leave all materials in their original containers
- Be sure caps and lids are on securely and place the containers in a sturdy cardboard box or plastic tote
- An attendant at the collection site will remove the material from your car – please stay in your vehicle
- Please do not smoke while at the collection site

Your Guide to the Reduction and Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste



What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

Almost every home has some type of chemical product that can be hazardous if not used, stored, or disposed of properly. If used as directed, these products are usually safe. When they are no longer needed or are unusable, we refer to them as Household Hazardous Waste, or HHW for short.

HHW can be found in many different areas of your home: under sinks, in basements, in sheds and garages. See the accompanying list in this brochure for examples of HHW found in the average home. If you're unsure if a product is hazardous, look for key words like "POISON", "DANGER", "WARNING", "TOXIC", or "CAUTION".

Proper disposal of HHW is critical. If these products are disposed of improperly, they may contaminate ground and surface waters and ruin drinking water supplies. Products carelessly disposed of in household trash can injure municipal employees at transfer stations and others involved in the collection and disposal of solid wastes. Products poured down drains can damage plumbing, septic systems, and waste water treatment facilities.



Help Reduce the Amount of HHW Generated

- Consider non-toxic alternatives
- Purchase only the amount needed to do the job
- Store products so that they last
- Share usable leftover products with family, friends or neighbors
- Donate usable leftover products to church groups, schools, or other community groups

Get Creative

There are many "homemade" alternatives for many of the traditional chemicals used in our homes. Here are a few recipes to consider:

Multipurpose Cleaner: Start by adding 2 cups of water to a spray bottle. Add 1 tsp of borax, 1/2 tsp of baking soda, 1/4 tsp of liquid soap or detergent and 2 tsp of white vinegar. Shake the bottle vigorously to mix the ingredients. For a fresh lemon scent, substitute lemon juice for the vinegar.

Drain Cleaner: Pour 1/4 cup of baking soda and 1/2 cup of vinegar into the drain. Cover the drain until fizzing stops, then flush with boiling water.

Glass Cleaner: Mix one tablespoon of vinegar or lemon juice in one quart of water. Spray on glass and use newspaper to wipe dry.

If You Must Use Chemical Products Remember These Tips

- Follow label instructions and use only the recommended amount. Twice as much does not mean twice the results
- Wear gloves and protective clothing to prevent skin contact
- Use products in well ventilated areas
- Do not mix products. Doing so can cause dangerous chemical reactions or an explosion
- Avoid aerosol products
- Store products safely, out of reach of children and pets
- Leave products in their original, labeled containers
- Bring unwanted/outdated products to a HHW collection

