

what is Household Hazardous Waste?

A typical household contains a wide variety of products used for cleaning, gardening, disinfecting, and maintaining a home. When disposed of improperly, these routine products can present a danger to our families, emergency crews, and sanitation workers.

Household hazardous waste is any product that is **toxic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable, combustible, or reactive** that needs disposal.

The **Jefferson County Department of Environmental Protection** is providing this guide to household hazardous products to help you learn more about the proper way to handle, store, and dispose of these items.



- On Collection Day make sure containers are not leaking and are tightly sealed.
- Pack the household hazardous waste into cardboard boxes so it does not spill during transport.
- Place materials in your trunk away from passengers and pets.

2007 Household Hazardous Waste day

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2007 Household Hazardous Waste day

Saturday, April 21, 2007
8:00 a.m. until Noon

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H.H.W. examples

Lawn Care Products

Examples include bug sprays, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and weed killers.



Don't's

DON'T dump leftover products into the street, storm drains, or ground.

DON'T bury or burn old products or product containers. Burning may produce toxic fumes.

DON'T reuse pesticide or other chemical containers for other purposes.

DON'T repackage chemical products in old soft drink or food product containers. Children may mistake the chemicals for snacks or soft drinks.



The **2007 Household Hazardous Waste Day**, operated by the **Jefferson County Department of Environmental Protection**, is a one-day drive-up event where Jefferson County Residents are encouraged to drop-off their household hazardous waste.

Collection points: **Alabama State Fairgrounds, Hoover Met, Bessemer Civic Center, Centerpoint Courthouse.** The collection drive is free, **open to Jefferson County residents only** and will be held on **Saturday, April 21st from 8:00 a.m. until Noon.** Please call **325-8712** for more information.

CANNOT ACCEPT: Business waste, mercury, propane gas cylinders, fluorescent or high sodium light bulbs, medical waste, radioactive materials (smoke alarms), asbestos, PCBs, or unidentified materials.

NO COMMERCIAL WASTE ACCEPTED!

CAN ACCEPT: Aerosols, antifreeze, car batteries, motor oil, tires (**10 per household; no commercial tires**), paint and related products, pesticides, alkaline batteries, chemical drain cleaners, solvents, ammunition, gun powder, explosives, fireworks, firearms, and flares.

Paints & Paint Related Products

Examples: Latex and water based paints, oil-based paint, turpentine paint stripper, rust removers, paint thinners, varnish



Automotive Fluids & Batteries

Used motor oil and filters, gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, auto body repair products, windshield washer solution, antifreeze, brake and transmission fluid, lead acid batteries, tires



do's

DO read the label and follow use, storage, and disposal directions carefully. Watch for signal words such as caution, warning, danger, or poison.

DO keep all chemicals and waste away from children and animals.

DO locate auto repair shops and gas stations that recycle used motor oil, antifreeze, and batteries.

DO keep leftover products in original containers so you can refer to directions for proper use and disposal.

DO dispose of household hazardous waste during the April 21, 2007 Collection Drive!

Household Cleaners

Examples, Bleach, Ammonia, oven cleaner, drain cleaner, floor care products, aerosol cans, window cleaners, furniture polish, tub, tile and bowl cleaners



Beauty Products & Medications

Alcohol-based lotions, isopropyl alcohol, medicine, nail polish and nail polish remover, hair relaxers, dyes, products in aerosol cans.



When properly used, stored, and disposed of the products mentioned in this brochure pose little danger to people or the environment. Carelessly stored, these items may become a hazard. Remember to keep all hazardous products in their original containers and out of reach of children.

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