

# Household Hazardous Waste Management




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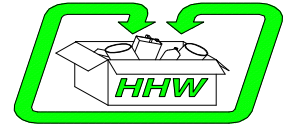
Many products contain hazardous materials.






Improper disposal of these products can cause harm to humans and the environment.


This guide will help you identify hazardous products around your home.




**Keep your home safe by properly disposing of hazardous products!**


- Key:**
-  Dry in a secure, well-ventilated area and place in the trash
  - HHW** Take to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility
  - TS** Contact the Transfer Station @ 920.490.2706
  -  Contact your local the Police Department
  -  Flush down the drain (*only if connected to a sanitary sewer*) with plenty of water
  - \$** Call the Household Hazardous Waste Facility @ 920.492.4964 for current rates



Household Items	Key	Alternatives
Aerosol Cans	HHW	Recycle When Empty
Batteries	HHW	None Known
Bleach, Liquid		Powdered Bleach
<b>Computers &amp; Electronics</b> \$	HHW	Minimal Fee Charged
Drain Cleaner		Plunger, Vinegar
Fluorescent Lights	HHW	None Known
Light Ballast	HHW	Non-PCB Ballast
Floor Cleaner	HHW	None Known
Mercury, Devices	HHW	Digital Devices
Mercury, Elemental	HHW	Digital Devices
Oven Cleaner	HHW	Baking Soda & Water/Salt
Smoke Detectors		None Known
Toilet, Tub & Tile Cleaner		Brush w/Baking Soda
Window Cleaner		Vinegar & Water

Car Care	Key	Alternatives
Ammunition/Fireworks		None Known
Antifreeze	HHW	Propylene Glycol
Battery Acid	HHW	None Known
Battery, Lead-Acid	HHW	None Known
Brake Fluid	HHW	Non-Halogenated Products
Carburetor Cleaner	HHW	None Known
Driveway Sealer/Tar	HHW	Water-Based Products
Gasoline, Other Fuels	HHW	None Known
Parts Cleaner/Degreaser	HHW	Detergent/Hot Water
Power Steering Fluid	HHW	None Known
Tires	TS	None Known
Transmission Fluid	HHW	None Known
Used Motor Oil & Filters	HHW	None Known
Windshield Wiper Fluid	HHW	None Known

Home Improvement	Key	Alternatives
Adhesive Solvent-Based	HHW	Latex Adhesives
Adhesive, Water-Based		None Known
Asbestos	TS	New Insulation/Flooring
Caulk/Glaze/Grout/Putty		None Known
Cement/Mortar/Plaster		None Known
<b>Latex Paint</b> \$	HHW	Limestone Based White Wash
Non-Automotive Oils	HHW	None Known
Oil-Based Paint	HHW	Latex Paint, Avoid Aerosols
Paint Remover/Stripper	HHW	Sandpaper/Steel Wool
Paint Thinner/Solvent	HHW	Use Water-Based Paints
Stain, Varnish, Lacquer	HHW	Latex Paint
Wood Preservative	HHW	None Known

Lawn & Garden	Key	Alternatives
Cooking Oil/Grease	HHW	Boil/Bake/Broil Food
Empty Containers		None Known
Fertilizer, Weed & Feed	HHW	Compost
Flea Sprays	HHW	Brewers Yeast in Pet's Food
Insect Killer, Bee & Hornet	HHW	Bowl w/Soda & Dawn Soap
Insect Killer, Plant	HHW	Spray w/Dishwater & Rinse
Insect Repellent	HHW	Screens, Lotions
Moth Balls	HHW	Cedar Chips
Pool/Spa Chemicals	HHW	None Known
Rat Poison	HHW	Traps, Cat
Weed Killer	HHW	Pull by Hand
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## What is the best way to dispose of my paint?

- Latex paint is non-hazardous but represents nearly 30% of all the material collected by the HHW Facility. Full or partly full paint cans may be brought to the HHW Facility though there is a charge for disposal of latex paint.
- If the can has a small amount of paint left in it, sawdust, oil-dry, or cat litter can be used to absorb and dry all the free liquid. The can may then be disposed of with the lid off in your regular garbage.
- If the paint can is empty, let any paint residue in the can dry completely. Dispose of the can in your recycling with the lid off.
- The **grey square plastic** containers are made of the same type of plastic as milk jugs and can be recycled if they are empty and dry.
- If your paint is in a **round black plastic** container this cannot be recycled.

When properly stored, paint has an amazing shelf life. Oil-based paint can last up to 15 years and latex paint will keep up to 10 years. If paint still mixes smoothly, it can probably still be used. If latex paint has frozen, brush it on a piece of paper. If there are no lumps, the paint can still be used.

## What do we do with your Hazardous Waste?

- Most materials, **like paint and solvents**, are bulked into 55-gallon drums. These drums are removed by a hazardous waste contractor who further bulks the material for transportation to a company that uses it as fuel. A cement kiln, for example, is a company that can use this material in a process, similar to incineration, called fuel blending. Fuel blending recovers the heat value, but at the same time the material is destroyed because of the high temperatures.
- Materials, like **pesticides**, are packed into drums called loose packs, which are drums filled with smaller containers. These drums are sent to a disposal company for additional sorting. Some of this material may be fuel blended, but most will be incinerated. Incineration destroys large complex chemicals by breaking them down into small, less hazardous compounds like water, carbon dioxide and ash.
- **Acids and bases** are sent for disposal in lab packs. Lab packs are similar to loose packs, except a lab pack has a container content sheet. This inventory sheet is used to further identify the hazardous components of the lab pack. Corrosives are neutralized to make them non-hazardous.
- **Computers** are sent to a company where they are disassembled. Any non-retaining information parts are reused. Information-retaining parts are shredded before recycling.

## What is the Product Exchange Room?

Much of the material brought to the Facility is in very good shape and can still be used. The Facility has a Product Exchange Room where residents are able to pick up items to use for home repairs and projects! Each year more than 150,000 pounds of paint, stains, thinners, pesticides, automotive and cleaning products are taken and reused. You do not need to bring anything to take something; however, we ask that you take no more than 5 items at one time.

## Where does Brown County get its funding for the HHW Program?

A unique relationship between the Brown County Port & Solid Waste Department, Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District, all Brown County units of government, and the Oneida Tribe of Indians provides a portion of the program's funding. Additional funding is obtained through grants and generated by collecting material from businesses and other Counties. Most products brought in are not assessed a fee however, there is a minimal charge for computers, electronics and latex paint.

### **Normal Hours of Operation:**

**Thursday 12 Noon until 6PM**  
**Saturday 8AM until 2PM**

### **Address:**

**2561 S. Broadway**  
**Ashwaubenton**

### **Business and farm material:**

By appointment only... Call (920) 492-4964

### **Questions:**

Contact: Brown County Library/Recycling Hotline 920.448.4400 opt. 3

Or visit our website: <http://www.browncountyrecycling.org>

