

Household Hazardous Waste

HOW DO I DISPOSE OF MY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Many products we use every day for tasks such as housework, home improvement, gardening, or car maintenance contain hazardous materials. These hazardous products exhibit one or more of the following characteristic properties: ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic. They are identified by their product labeling and are usually marked with these common signal words: CAUTION, WARNING, DANGER, or POISON. When improperly stored or disposed, these hazardous materials can harm the environment and public health.

When possible, household products should be completely used up per the label directions. When products can't be used entirely and are expired or unwanted, they become household hazardous waste (HHW). Residents should bring their HHW to an Illinois EPA approved household hazardous waste drop off location. There are four (4) permanent HHW drop off locations near McHenry County, which are open to all Illinois residents at no additional cost.

Illinois EPA Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities

Rockford: Rock River Reclamation District

3333 Kishwaukee, Rockford, IL

Phone: (815) 987-5570

Naperville: Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL

Phone: (630) 420-6095

Gurnee: The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO)

1311 N. Estes Street, Gurnee, IL

Phone: (847) 336-9340

City of Chicago: Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility

1150 North Branch on Goose Island

Phone: 311 or for general info: (312) 744-7672



Residents should contact the drop-off location in advance to confirm acceptable items, hours of operation, or other restrictions.

For additional disposal/recycling options and locations, please view the Official McHenry County Green Guide at www.mchenry.edu/green, www.mcdef.org, or www.earth911.com; or contact the McHenry County Solid Waste Manager at (815)334-4585.

List of Common Household Hazardous Waste

The following is a list of common household hazardous products that might be found in your garage, basement, or other storage space in your home and are accepted at Illinois EPA approved Household Hazardous Waste collection facilities.

Household Cleaning Products

- Drain openers/cleaners
- Oven cleaners
- Tub, tile, shower and toilet cleaners
- Wood & metal cleaners and polishes

Automotive Fluids

- Gasoline or oil mix
- Motor oil
- Diesel fuel
- Fuel additives
- Carburetor and fuel injection cleaners
- Starter fluids
- Automotive & marine batteries
- Transmission and brake fluid
- Antifreeze

Miscellaneous

- Batteries (no alkaline)
- Mercury thermostats or thermometers
- Fluorescent light bulbs & mercury-containing lamps
- Driveway & deck sealers

Lawn & Garden Pesticides

- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Fungicides
- Fertilizer
- Ant sprays and baits
- Cockroach sprays and baits
- Flea repellents and shampoos
- Mouse & rat poisons and baits
- Mothballs
- Pool chemicals

Workshop/Painting Supplies

- Aerosols
- Adhesives and glues
- Oil or enamel based paint
- Stains and finishes
- Paint thinners
- Paint strippers and removers
- Wood preservatives
- Photographic chemicals
- Mineral spirits and other solvents

Other Flammable Products

- Kerosene
- Home heating oil
- Lighter fluid

If you have residential HHW to transport, please consider the following safer transportation guidelines:

- ✓ Keep HHW in their original containers. Do not mix any substances together.
- ✓ Transport HHW in a clean, dry plastic container or plastic lined cardboard box and place in the trunk of your vehicle.



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