County of San Diego

Put Toxic Waste in it's Place!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GUIDE

1-877-R-1-EARTH
(1-877-713-2784)
Toll Free Recycling Hotline
www.sdhhw.org

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Do insecticides equal bug-free gardens or polluted oceans? It's all up to you. Household Hazardous Wastes, such as insecticides, cleaners, motor oil, and paint, can pollute our soil, groundwater, ocean and air. These products can cause illnesses and disease among humans, plants and animals. Pouring Household Hazardous Waste down the drain, on the ground, into storm drains and putting them in the trash is illegal.

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program is a community service provided by the County of San Diego's Department of Environmental Health. The goal is to protect public health and the environment through household hazardous waste education and collection.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE IS:

Any unwanted product from your home that is labeled DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, POISON, TOXIC, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, REACTIVE, or EXPLOSIVE. Because not all hazardous products have labels, here is a list of some common items:

- Aerosols
- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries (auto, household & rechargeable)
- Electronic Waste (televisions, computer monitors, VCR's, printers, phones)
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent Lights
- Household Cleaners
- Mercury Items (including thermometers and thermostats)
- Motor Oil & Oil Filters
- Paint & Stains (latex & oil)
- Pesticides
- Pool Chemicals
- Propane
- Solvents

SAFE AND LEGAL DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:

- Protects you and your family's health.
- Keeps our water clean and reduces stormwater pollution.
- Preserves our environment.

Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury vapor and CANNOT be disposed of in the garbage. For proper disposal call **1-877-R-1-EARTH** (1-877-713-2784)

Dispose of syringes/needles, and lancets properly. These items are collected at the Ramona Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call **1-877-R-1-EARTH** for details.

Do not put electronics in the trash.
Call **1-877-R-1-EARTH** (1-877-713-2784) for locations.

HOW TO PROPERLY MANAGE YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:

REDUCE

- Read product labels and buy the least toxic products available.
- Buy only the amount you need for your project.
- Buy one product that will accomplish many tasks.
- Use products completely, before the expiration date.
- Store products properly to avoid spills, leaks or corrosion.

REUSE

- Share products with neighbors, community groups, family and friends.
- Use rechargeable instead of single-use batteries.
- You can donate and get free left-over household, yard or auto products at the County of San Diego's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in Ramona at 324 Maple Street. It's convenient and FREE! Choose from:

- Latex Paint
- Chlorine Bleach
- Bug Spray
- Aerosols
- Cleaning Products

RECYCLE

Recycle whatever is left over through the County's Household Hazardous Waste Program. You can bring your waste to one of the local collection facilities or to a temporary one-day collection event. Special collection options are available for elderly and disabled residents. Call 1-877-R-1-EARTH (1-877-713-2784) for more information and to be put on the event notification list.

TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES:

- According to California law, you may transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of solid or liquid household hazardous waste per vehicle.
- Materials should be in closed, leak-proof containers to prevent spills.
- Do not mix chemicals together.
- Containers should be no larger than 5 gallons.
- Place containers in the trunk, away from passenger and pet areas.

MAKE SAFETY A PRIORITY:

- Always follow label instructions.
- Materials should be stored in original properly labeled and sealed containers.
- Wear appropriate safety gear.
- Do not combine different types of hazardous materials.
- Store materials away from food products, and out of the reach of children and pets.
- Store flammables away from heat and other chemicals, and provide proper ventilation.
- Check storage area at least twice a year and properly dispose of products that have outlived their usefulness.
- Avoid stockpiling: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Universal Wastes are hazardous and contain harmful chemicals, which, if put in the trash may harm people, pets or the environment. Some Universal wastes include:

- Common Household Batteries
- Fluorescent Tubes and Bulbs
- Mercury-Containing Items
- Thermostats
- Electronic Devices
- Electrical Switches and Relays
- Pilot Light Sensors

Don't put batteries in the garbage.

Recycle your Monitors
For information on how to dispose of your monitors call **1-877-R-1-EARTH** (1-877-713-2784)
Some include:

LCD's
CRT's
TV's
Laptop's

BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL:

Businesses that qualify as a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) can participate in the County of San Diego's Household Hazardous Waste Program. This program provides affordable, safe, legal and convenient disposal of hazardous waste for businesses that generate:

- less than 27 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month

OR

- 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste per calendar month. For more CESQG information and registration, or for businesses generating hazardous waste in excess of these amounts, please call 1-800-253-9933

USEFUL WEBSITES & PHONE NUMBERS

County of San Diego Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Program
www.sdhhw.org
877-713-2784

I Love A Clean San Diego
www.ilacsd.org
619-291-0103

Recycling
www.1800cleanup.org
800-CLEANUP

Stormwater Pollution
San Diego Regional Stormwater Hotline
888-846-0800
www.projectcleanwater.org

Pesticides and Toxics
County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Regulatory Program
858-694-8980
www.sdcawm.org

Air Emissions
Air Pollution Control District
858-586-2600
www.sdapcd.org

California Integrated Waste Management Board
www.ciwmb.ca.gov
916-341-6000

Department of Toxic Substances Control
www.dtsc.ca.gov
858-637-5531

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For more information on disposing household hazardous waste for unincorporated residents of San Diego County call **1-877-R-1-EARTH** (1-877-713-2784) or **www.sdhhw.org**