

Properly Managing Household Hazardous Waste

Reduce

- Buy only the amount you need and consider DIY cleaners, choosing safe alternatives limits the amount of harmful chemicals in your home.
- Store products properly to avoid spills, leaks, or corrosion.

Reuse

- Share products with neighbors, community groups, family and friends.
- Instead of single-use products, opt for rechargeable and long-lasting products such as batteries, refillable lighters and LED bulbs.

Recycle

- Properly dispose of HHW through the County's Household Hazardous Waste Program to ensure it's safely treated, recycled, or converted into new products.

Safety Tips For transporting materials

- 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 a closed, leak-proof containers to prevent spills.
- NEVER mix products, they can cause chemical reactions.
- Place containers in the trunk, away from passengers and pet areas.



Used Oil & Oil Filter Recycling

Did you know that used motor oil is 100% recyclable? Recycle your used oil and oil filters at hundreds of free drop off locations throughout the county. Take the last step, recycle the last drop!



Paint Disposal

Use PaintCare to dispose of any leftover paint. To find a drop-off location near you, call 855-724-6809 or visit WasteFreeSD.org



Put Toxic Waste in its Place!

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



County of San Diego

Household Hazardous Waste Guide



What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) refers to any unwanted household product that has a label or ingredients with warnings such as **FLAMMABLE, IGNITABLE, CORROSIVE, REACTIVE, OR TOXIC**. Items like insecticides, cleaners, used oil, and paint can contaminate our soil, groundwater, ocean, and air if not disposed of correctly.

The County of San Diego's Household Hazardous Waste Program is a community service provided by the Department of Public Works aimed to prevent pollution by providing HHW education and options for proper disposal of HHW.

Because not all hazardous products have labels, here is a list of common items:

- Aerosols
- Automotive Fluids (Antifreeze, Coolants, Fuels)
- Batteries (auto, household & rechargeable)
- Electronic Waste (TV's, monitors, computer, printers, phones)
- Fluorescent & LED lightbulb
- Fertilizers
- Sharps (needles, syringes, lancets)
- Pesticides
- Propane
- Household Cleaners
- Used motor oil & oil filters
- Paint (latex/oil based)
- Mercury items & thermometers
- Solvents & Adhesives



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Resources

HHW Collection Facilities Drop Off

Unincorporated residents have access to various HHW collection facilities to drop off their waste, please visit www.sdhhw.org for information on locations and appointments.



Library Battery Program

Did you know you can safely recycle your batteries for free by taking them to one of 16 San Diego County Library branches? Visit WasteFreeSD.org or call 1-877-713-2784 to find drop-off locations



Temporary HHW Collection Events

The County periodically schedules one-day HHW collection events at various unincorporated areas through out the year. To be notified of the next event in your area visit WasteFreeSD.org or call 1-877-713-2784 to be put on the event notification list.

Door-to-Door Program

A door-to-door pick-up service for household hazardous waste is available to elderly (65+) or disabled unincorporated San Diego County residents. Call 1-877-713-2784 to check eligibility and make an appointment. Limited to 2 pick ups per year as funding is available.



Sharps Kiosk Collection

Unincorporated residents may take their home-generated medical waste sharps, needles, lancets, and syringes in closed rigid containers no larger than 2 Liters (1/2 gallon) to approved residential sharps collection drop boxes. Visit WasteFreeSD.org to locate the closest



Sharps Mail-Back

Consider using a free "Mail-Back" service for proper sharps disposal. Each mail-back kit includes a sharps container, prepaid shipping, and packaging. To request a kit for used or unwanted sharps, visit sharpstakebackcalifornia.org or call (844) 482-5322.

