

Household Hazardous Waste

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL

Pesticides are chemicals that kill pests, including animals, plants, molds and insects. These are examples of household pesticides:

Insect sprays • Flea products • Mothballs • Rodent poisons • Weed killers • Wood preservatives •

✓**NEVER** dump unwanted pesticides down the sink or toilet, into storm drains, streams, or on the ground.

✓**NEVER** use treated wood as firewood.

What To Do with Leftover Pesticides

- Save them for future use, or give them to someone who can use them, unless they are banned or restricted.
- When using up a pesticide that requires dilution, triple-rinse the container, and use the rinse water to dilute the last batch.
- Drain all containers used to mix or store pesticides for at least 30 seconds.
- Discard clean, empty pesticide containers (including aerosols) in the household trash.
- Save all leftover pesticides for a household hazardous waste collection program.

Always read the label for safety precautions, even if you are familiar with the product.

Remember improper disposal of these products can harm the environment.



ALWAYS CONSULT THE PRODUCT LABEL

Labels provide information about proper use and alert you if the product is potentially hazardous.

Look for:

- ✓ Signal words -
DANGER, POISON, WARNING or CAUTION.
- ✓ Statements of hazards -
“Flammable,” “Vapor harmful,” “Harmful or fatal if swallowed.”
- ✓ Precautionary statements -
“Keep out of reach of children,” “Use only in well-ventilated areas,” “Do not mix with chlorine-type bleaches or other chemicals.”

Store Household Hazardous Waste Properly and Safely Before Disposal

- G** Keep the product in its original container with the label intact.
- G** Place leaking containers in larger, leak-proof containers clearly labeled with the contents.
- G** Store products out of reach of children and pets, away from heat, and away from the house, if possible.
- G** Store liquid flammables in their original containers or UL-approved metal safety cans, available from hardware stores.
- G** Reduce disposal problems by using smaller amounts of hazardous substances, or by substituting less hazardous substances where possible.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on household hazardous waste, contact:

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Bureau of Waste Reduction & Recycling
Division of Solid & Hazardous Materials
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Note: The information on this card applies only to home-generated wastes. Businesses and organizations must comply with all applicable state and federal hazardous waste regulations.