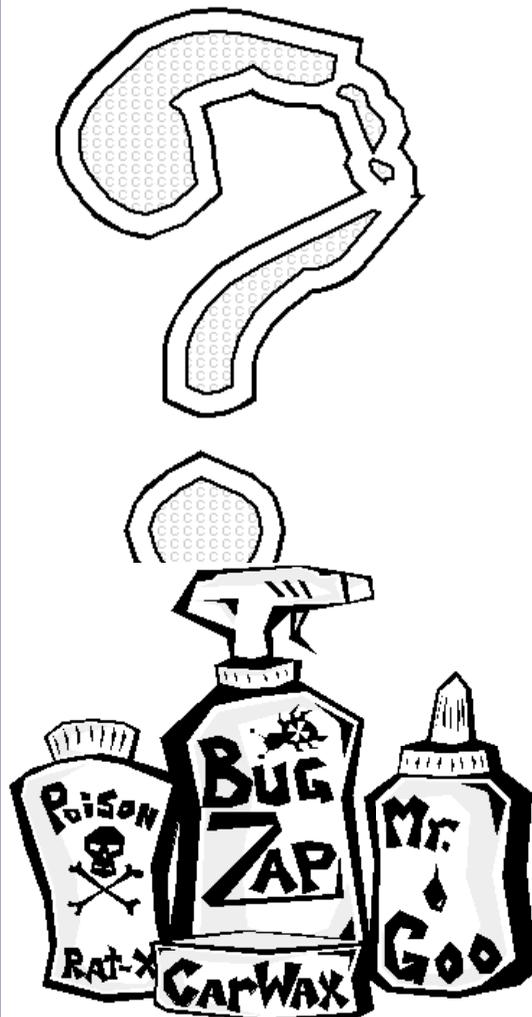


Are These
Products In
Your Home?



Some household products require special attention in their use, storage and disposal. These products we use every day are “hazardous”. A product is hazardous if it is:

TOXIC *Poisonous or capable of causing acute illness*

IGNITABLE/ FLAMMABLE *Ignites and/or burns easily*

CORROSIVE *Eats through other materials*

REACTIVE *Can explode if exposed to heat, air, water or shock*

Check the label to see if a product is hazardous. If it says . . .

WARNING! CAUTION! DANGER! POISON! . . .
it may be hazardous.

Contacts for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Information

Allen Park	313-928-1400	Northville	248-349-3271
Auburn Hills	248-391-3777	Northville Township	248-348-5820
Beverly Hills*	248-288-5153	Novi	248-208-2270
Bingham Farms	248-644-0044	Novi Township	248-348-0365
Birmingham*	248-288-5153	Oak Park*	248-288-5153
Bloomfield Hills	248-644-1520	Orchard Lake Village	248-682-2400
Bloomfield Township	248-433-7706	Plymouth	734-455-1392
Canton Township	734-326-3936	Plymouth Township	734-454-0530
Commerce Township	800-858-0089	Pontiac	248-857-5700
Dearborn Heights	313-277-7924	Redford Township	313-387-2699
Dearborn	313-943-2085	River Rouge	313-842-6482
Detroit	313-923-2240	Rochester Hills	248-656-4600
Ecorse	313-923-2240	Romulus	734-942-7579
Farmington Hills	248-473-9560	Salem Township	734-971-7356
Farmington	248-473-7250	Southfield	248-827-0610
Franklin	248-626-9666	Superior Township	734-971-7356
Garden City	734-525-8840	Troy*	248-288-5153
Highland Park	313-868-3023	Van Buren Township	734-699-8926
Inkster	313-563-9773	Wayne	734-721-8600
Lathrup Village*	248-288-5153	West Bloomfield Township	248-451-4876
Livonia	734-466-2588	Westland	734-467-3252
Lyon Township	248-437-2240	Wixom	248-624-0141
Melvindale	313-381-2311	Ypsilanti Township	734-971-7356

* Drop off site for Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) communities by appointment only.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES AND DISPOSAL METHODS

 = Pour small amounts down the drain*

 = Take to hazardous waste collection facility

 = Put it in the trash

 = Recycle it

* If connected to a sewer when disposing of materials in this way, please use reasonable judgement and dispose of small quantities (usually 1 pint or less) with plenty of water.

KITCHEN

Aerosol cans (empty)



Aluminum cleaners



Ammonia based cleaners



Bug sprays



Drain cleaners



Floor care products



Furniture polish



Metal polish with solvent



Window cleaner



Oven cleaner (lye base)



BATHROOM

Alcohol based lotions (perfumes, etc)



Bathroom cleaners



Depilatories



Disinfectants



Permanent lotions, hair relaxers



Medicine (expired)



Nail polish or remover (solidified)



Toilet, tub and tile cleaners



GARAGE

Antifreeze



Auto body repair products



Battery (lead acid)



Brake fluid



Car wax solvent



Diesel fuel



Fuel oil



Gasoline



Kerosene



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE TIPS

- Keep unused portions in their original containers with labels intact and readable.
- Store hazardous materials in a cool, dry place inaccessible to children or pets.
- Reduce your waste and save money by purchasing only materials you need and will use.
- Use products in accordance with the manufacturer's directions and follow all safe handling requirements.
- Let used solvents and paint thinners set for a while in a closed jar. The dirt and paints will settle to the bottom. The top portion can be reused. The amount of actual waste for disposal will be much less.
- Offer surplus portions of products that are usable and safely packaged to others, such as pesticides to nurseries, and paint to theater groups.
- Never pour motor oil, paints, or chemicals down storm drains or sinks. These household hazardous wastes should be recycled or taken to a household hazardous waste drop off site (see reverse side for locations).
- Reduce the amount of hazardous wastes you purchase and use non-toxic alternatives when you can. If a product cannot be used for its original purpose, then the material should be disposed of following the disposal methods listed in this brochure.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES AND DISPOSAL METHODS, continued

Metal polish with solvent



Motor oils



Other oils



Transmission fluid



Windshield washer solution



Fungicide



Herbicide



Insecticide



Weed killer



WORKSHOP

Paint brush cleaner with solvent



Paint brush cleaner with TSP



Aerosol cans (empty)



Glue (solvent based)



Glue (water based)



Paint: latex — dried



Paint: oil based, auto, model



Paint thinner or stripper



Primer



Rust remover (with phosphoric acid)



Turpentine or varnish



Wood preservative



Garden Fertilizer



MISCELLANEOUS

Ammunition



Artists' paints



Dry cleaning solvents



Fiberglass epoxy



Gun cleaning solvents



Lighter fluid



Household batteries



Moth balls



Old fire alarms



Photographic chemicals (unmixed)



Photographic chemicals (mixed)



Shoe polish



Swimming pool acid



NON-TOXIC ALTERNATIVES

Here are recipes for some Rouge-friendly cleaning concoctions. They work, they cost pennies per gallon, and they won't harm you or the environment.

- For an all purpose cleaner: mix a cup of vinegar in a pail of water.
- To disinfect, use one-half cup borax or washing soda (sodium carbonate) dissolved in a gallon of hot water.
- Wash windows with one part vinegar to four parts water.
- To deodorize carpets, sprinkle with baking soda. Vacuum after 30 minutes.
- To polish furniture, use equal parts mineral oil and lemon oil.
- To clean floors, use 1/4 cup white vinegar, 1/4 cup washing soda (sodium carbonate not baking soda) in one gallon warm water.
- Use a plumber snake instead of drain cleaners to eliminate clogged drains.

***If Your Community Doesn't
Have A Household Hazardous
Waste Drop Off Site:***

- Contact your local officials and tell them you would like your community to start a household hazardous waste program. The more interested residents are in initiating a program, the more likely a program will be started.
- Drop off your hazardous waste at a company specializing in disposal. Check your phone book under waste reduction for the nearest location. (There will be a cost involved).
- Store your hazardous material until your community gets a program or until you can pay to have the materials disposed of properly.

For more information contact:

Washtenaw County (734) 971-7356

Wayne County (734) 326-3936

Additional questions regarding household hazardous waste disposal can be directed to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Waste Management Division, Southeast Michigan District Office at (734) 953-1448.



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