

Montana HHW Programs

There are many opportunities in the more populated areas of Montana to dispose of household hazardous waste. Here is a list of the areas with programs that exist currently:

Billings: holds an annual collection event on the first Saturday following Memorial Day

Bozeman: holds collection days on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Bozeman Convenience Site.

Kalispell: holds collection days on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the county landfill.

Missoula: holds a collection event annually in the fall called HazWaste Days

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“The best way to handle your current household hazardous waste is to use it up completely, then switch to alternative products as appropriate.”

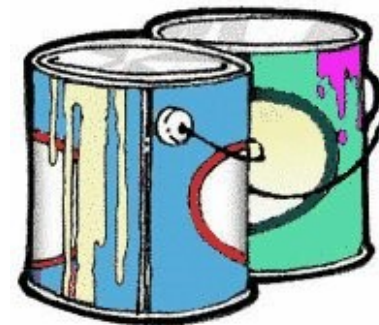


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Household Hazardous Waste



**A Guide to
Protecting
Human Health &
the Environment**

What is a Household Hazardous Waste?

Household hazardous wastes (HHW) include products that are toxic and harmful to the environment. Household hazardous wastes consist of dangerous chemicals that have the potential to catch fire, explode or have corrosive properties. A few general examples of products that are considered to be household hazardous wastes include paints, varnishes, cleaning materials, batteries, and pesticides or gardening chemicals.

How to Dispose of HHW

Household hazardous wastes should not be discarded with regular trash when there are other options available. Because of the ingredients, which are harmful to the environment and public health, some communities arrange for collection opportunities. Many communities encourage the proper disposal of HHW with various collection options. Some local businesses collect certain HHW products for either recycling for proper disposal. One of the most common examples of this would

be local garages collecting used motor oil for recycling. There are many options to choose from to properly dispose of and take responsibility for keeping HHW from harming our environment and our health. Learn more on our website at recycle.mt.gov about healthy choices concerning HHW and how you can take action.

Common HHW Products & Alternatives

Here are a few examples of common HHW products and some alternative approaches you can use. See a full chart with more items at recycle.mt.gov.

HHW Product	Alternative
General Purpose Cleaning Liquid	Vinegar or lemon juice diluted w/water.
Latex Paint	Whitewash or milk paint
Insect Repellent	Don't wear scented products outdoors; Do burn citronella candles, punk, or incense.
Rug Cleaners	Sprinkle baking soda on rug then vacuum; use club soda on stains.

Safety Tips for Storing & Using Hazardous Material

- Don't store hazardous products in containers other than their original packaging.
- Don't remove labels from containers holding hazardous material.
- When leftovers remain, never mix HHW with other products.
- Follow product labels closely for use instructions and disposal information.
- Don't hesitate to call your local health, environmental, or solid waste agency with further questions concerning proper use and disposal of the product.

