

### Where can you safely dispose of HHW?

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is free of charge for the residential households of Lake County for many common substances found in the home. HHW items are not picked up at curbside and require special handling and disposal.

HHW is accepted at all times during regular business hours at the Household Chemical Collection Center, located at 13130 County Landfill Road, County Road 561, and by the mobile unit. The Household Hazardous Waste Center is open Monday through Saturday.

Some examples of HHW accepted at the Household Chemical Collection Center include: paint, motor oil, gasoline, propane tanks, antifreeze, car batteries, household batteries (including rechargeable batteries), lawn chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, aerosol cans, pool chemicals and pesticides.

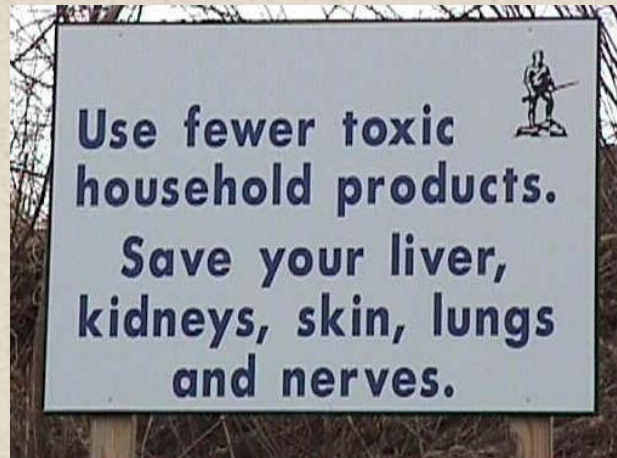


For more information, please contact the Lake County Household Hazardous Waste Center at 352-343-3776.

- ✓ Whenever possible, it is recommended that the item be kept in its original container.
- ✓ If the container is leaking, it should be put in a new container. ALL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MUST BE LABELED IF NOT IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS! This is for the safety of the general public and the HHW facilities employees.
- ✓ Household hazardous waste should be transported in the rear of your vehicle and not stored in the vehicle for extended periods.

### Tips for handling Household Hazardous Products

- Always read and follow directions on the container
- Keep hazardous products away from children, pets, food products, and sources of heat
- Keep waste in the original container, unless it leaks or will not close
- Use a proper container (heavy plastic) that will seal
- Make sure the container has a label to identify the contents
- Find alternatives, less toxic items to use
- Properly dispose of hazardous waste items



### For More Information, contact:

**Household Hazardous Waste Center**  
13130 County Fill Road, County Road 561

Wednesday and Saturday, 8 am to 4 pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 am – 5 pm

For the **Lake County Solid Waste's Mobile Unit Outreach Program**, available on specific dates from 9am to 12 pm, please access:  
[https://www.lakecountyfl.gov/departments/public\\_works/solid\\_waste/mobile\\_unit\\_schedule.aspx](https://www.lakecountyfl.gov/departments/public_works/solid_waste/mobile_unit_schedule.aspx)



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**Proper Use  
and Disposal  
of Leftover  
Hazardous  
Household  
Products**

*Please Help Maintain Our  
City's Waters Free of  
Contaminants!*

## What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW).

Many products that we use every day, including those below, contain hazardous materials that can be dangerous to people and the environment.

- ◆ Acids / Alkalines
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Polishes / Cleaners
- ◆ Gas Cylinders
- ◆ Kerosene
- ◆ Pesticides
- ◆ Solvents / Paints
- ◆ Antifreeze
- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ Disinfectants
- ◆ Gasoline
- ◆ Mercury
- ◆ Herbicides
- ◆ Used Motor Oil

## Household Hazardous Waste Tips

- Do not pour oil or any chemicals down any drain or in the street because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated. If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Consider reducing your purchase of products that contain hazardous ingredients. Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- To avoid the potential risks of HHWs, it is important that residents always monitor the use, storage, and disposal of products with potentially hazardous substances in their homes.
- Use and store products containing hazardous substances carefully to prevent any accidents at home. Never store hazardous products in food containers; keep them in their original containers and never remove labels. Corroding containers, however, require special handling.
- When leftovers remain, never mix HHW with other products. Incompatible products might react, ignite, or explode, and contaminated HHW might become unrecyclable.
- Read product labels carefully.



### WHAT TO DO

Buy and use less hazardous substitutes whenever possible.

Buy only what you need.

Wear gloves and protective clothing to prevent skin contact.

Handle the substance gently, especially if you don't know what it is.

Follow directions carefully when using any hazardous products.

Keep hazardous substances out of the reach of children and pets and away from heat sources or open flame.

Always read labels before you buy a product to be sure it will meet your needs.

Try to find someone else to use your unwanted material, but be sure you know what you have and inform them fully.

Use non-aerosol products in reusable containers.

### WHAT NOT TO DO

Mix materials or wastes together.

Dispose of large quantities of any toxic materials in a septic system.

Bury or burn containers of leftover materials.

Dispose of materials into the storm sewer.

Breathe fumes from toxic materials.

Touch mercury, throw it in the garbage or clean it up with a vacuum cleaner.

Store hazardous products in food containers (use the original, labeled container).

## ALTERNATIVES TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES

**Drain Cleaners** – pour boiling water down the drain. Use a plunger or a plumber's "snake".

**Toilet Bowl Cleaner** – Use toilet brush and baking soda, mild detergent or ½ cup bleach.

**Paint Remover / Stripper** – Heat guns may be used for remove many paints, but only in well-ventilated areas. Avoid using them for lead-based paints.

**Window Cleaner** – Use a pump spray container filled with 2 tbsp. vinegar in 1 quart water or rub newspapers on the glass.

**Oven Cleaners** – For baked-on grease, heat oven to 200 degrees; turn off, and leave ¼ cup ammonia in a dish in the oven for several hours to loosen. Then scrub with baking soda. Save the ammonia to be used again.

**Furniture Polish** – Melt 1 tbsp. carnauba wax into 2 cups mineral oil. For lemon oil polish: dissolve 1 tsp. lemon oil into 1 pint mineral oil.

**Roach Repellent** – Cut hedge apples (Osage oranges) in half and place in the basement, in the cabinets or under the house. Mix equal parts baking soda and powdered sugar and sprinkle in the infested area.

## Risks of Not Disposing of HHW Properly

Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when disposing of them.

Improper disposal of HHW can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.