



REQUIREMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household hazardous wastes (HHW) are defined as waste materials that are typically found in homes or similar sources, exhibit characteristics such as corrosivity, ignitability, reactivity, and/or toxicity, or are listed as hazardous materials by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Many types of waste can be recycled; however, options for each waste type are limited. Recycling is always preferable to disposal of unwanted materials. All gasoline, antifreeze, waste oil, and lead-acid batteries can be recycled. Paint can be reused, as well as recycled. Materials that cannot be reused or recycled should be disposed of at a properly permitted landfill.



Think before disposing of any household hazardous waste. Remember: *The ocean starts at YOUR front door.*

MOST COMMON HHW PRODUCTS

Drain openers	Paint	Batteries
Oven cleaners	Paint thinners	Adhesives
Wood and metal cleaners and polishes	Paint strippers and removers	Herbicides
Automotive oil and fuel additives	Grease and rust solvents	Pesticides
Carburetor and fuel injection cleaners	Starter fluids	Fungicides/wood preservatives

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Dispose of HHW at a local collection facility. Call the County of Orange at 714.834.6752 or visit the [City's website](#) for the HHW center closest to your area.
- Household hazardous materials must be stored indoors or under cover and in closed and labeled containers.
- If safe, contain, clean up, and properly dispose of all household hazardous waste spills. If an unsafe condition exists, call 9-1-1 to activate the proper response team.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

- Use non-hazardous or less-hazardous products.
- Participate in HHW reuse and recycling. Call the County of Orange at 714.834.6752 for participating HHW centers.

CITY PROGRAMS

- Residents of Mission Viejo can have household hazardous wastes picked up free of charge once per year. To schedule a pick-up, contact WM Curbside at 1-800-449-7587.
- The City of Mission Viejo provides drop-off recycling containers for [batteries](#) at most City facilities.
- The City of Mission Viejo has a [Sharps](#) disposal-by-mail program.
- The City of Mission Viejo provides drop-off containers for disposal of [expired pharmaceuticals](#) and Sharps.
- Visit the [City's website](#) for information and a list of used oil recycling locations.

For additional information, contact:

City of Mission Viejo

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