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

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### 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.
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