

# Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste products are waste materials that can be harmful to human health or the environment if used, stored or thrown away improperly. These wastes are the leftovers from common household products we all have in our homes. When the product is no longer useable or wanted, it becomes household hazardous waste. Between 3 – 10 gallons of household hazardous waste can be found stored in an average household.

## How do you know what products are hazardous?

- Read the product label. Signal words provide a quick and easy way to judge a product's hazard level:
  - **CAUTION:** Mild / Slightly Hazardous
  - **WARNING:** Moderately Hazardous
  - **DANGER:** Extremely Flammable, Corrosive or Toxic
  - **POISON:** Highly Toxic
- Many product labels give instructions on how to use the product and how to properly dispose of product leftovers. Examples of household hazardous waste products include: paint, fertilizer with weed killer, household cleaning products, etc.

<b><i>HOT TIP!</i></b>	<b>Buying carefully, storing carefully, and using carefully will prevent household hazardous waste and protect the environment. It is always important to buy the least hazardous product to get the job done.</b>
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## What should I do with my household hazardous waste?

- Don't throw it in the trash.
- Don't pour it in the sewer.
- Don't pour it on the ground.
- Take it to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

**YOU ARE IN CONTROL!!** Prevent hazardous disposal problems by reading the product's label and buying products that are less toxic to get the job done.

When and where are Household Hazardous Waste Collections?

Where	Location	When	Time
Household Hazardous Waste Building, Prairieland Solid Waste Management Facility	Northeast edge of Truman, MN - east of Profinium Financial	During the months of May through September	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Martin County Clean-up Day (collection for HHW, tires, appliances, electronics, furniture)	Martin County Highway Department, 1200 Marcus Street – site of collection only, not a usual HHW site	One-day collection, usually in the first part of June each year	Usually 10 a.m. – 3 p.m..
Watch newspapers and cable channels for other sites in summer months throughout Martin and Faribault Counties			

There is **NO CHARGE** to bring Household Hazardous Waste items to a Prairieland Collection in either Martin or Faribault County. These collections are only to households, **NO BUSINESS WASTE** is accepted. If you have business waste, you may need to use the small quantity generator program in Martin and Faribault Counties. Call the Prairieland Solid Waste Coordinator, (507) 776-3232 for more information.

# Which Household Hazardous Waste Products Will Be Accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Collections?

## Household Products

Aerosol cans that aren't empty  
(empty ones can be placed in  
regular garbage)  
Aluminum cleaners  
Ammonia based cleaners  
Household insect spray  
Degreasers  
Floor care products  
Furniture polish  
Fluorescent bulbs and ballasts  
Mercury Thermometers (see  
information on the web site about  
mercury thermometer exchange  
program)  
Metal polish with solvent  
Oven cleaners  
Paint (latex or oil)  
Rechargeable and button batteries  
Window cleaners

## Garage

Adhesives  
Battery acid  
Car wax with solvent  
Caulking compound  
Diesel fuel  
Fuel Oil  
Gasoline  
Glues  
Kerosene  
Lead Acid Batteries  
Paint thinner and solvents  
Roofing tar  
Turpentine  
Wood preservatives  
**No Oil** at HHW collections  
– see web pages on oil  
and oil filters for recycling  
information

**EMPTY PAINT CANS ARE NOT ACCEPTED**  
(Empty cans can be placed in regular  
garbage)

## Miscellaneous

Artists' paints  
Dry cleaning solvents  
Fertilizer  
Fiberglass epoxy  
Lawn / garden products  
Lighter fluid  
Mothballs  
Photographic chemicals  
Rat poison  
Weed killer

\*\*\*Not a complete list

For more information call the Prairieland Solid Waste Coordinator (507)  
776-3232