

Careless waste disposal creates new, costly problems

The careless disposal of hazardous waste spreads the exposure hazard from your home to other parts of the environment—creating dangers for all of us.

During a rainfall, the rainwater picks up chemicals, oils, fertilizers, and other hazardous waste from exposed trash, roads and land. Rain runoff carries the waste into storm drains, which empty into creeks, lakes and the Trinity River. When it rains, wastes can also be absorbed into the land which contaminates plant life and ground water.

Dumping waste into the toilet or sink is a bad idea, too. This makes sewage more difficult to treat and costs more money.

Here's what could happen if we don't clean up our act

- Increases in hazardous wastes in the water supply will increase the cost of treating water for drinking. Also, it will cost more for waste cleanup and maintenance of rivers, streams and storm drains.
- The City could incur fines for not meeting federal and state standards.
- Municipal landfills are not designed to handle hazardous wastes. Discarded chemicals might leach through the landfill liner and pollute ground water.

- Hazardous waste could pollute our creeks, rivers, and lakes. It threatens fish, wildlife and people. Fishing and water recreation are lost. Polluted water breeds health hazards.
- Water pollution lowers property values, harms economic growth and destroys neighborhoods. No one wants to live or do business near polluted water.

For more information call:

The Dallas County
Home Chemical Collection Center (HC3)
(214) 553-1765

Or visit our Web site at
www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/html/storm_water_quality.html

Report illicit discharges and water polluters call:

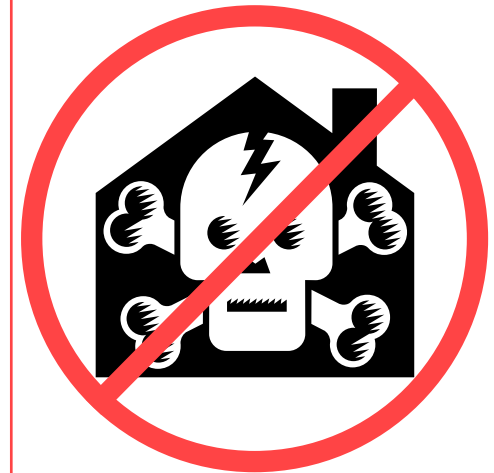
311 or (214) 948-4022



For additional copies of this brochure, contact:
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Storm Water Management Division
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Dallas, Texas 75203
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Hazardous Waste at home?



We want it.

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is coming to your neighborhood soon!

Bring your hazardous waste to us

The City of Dallas is participating in a county-wide program, providing a safe manner for Dallas residents to dispose of household hazardous waste. Read and look for announcements in your local newspaper. Disposal is free to Dallas residents.

Use this list to help identify items accepted at these collection events. To help identify toxic items in your home, look for the following words on product labels: caution, warning, danger, poison, flammable, volatile, caustic or corrosive. **If you are not sure about an item, call (214) 553-1765 for help.**

Kitchen & Bathroom

- Nail polish remover
- Floor care products
- Furniture polish
- Drain cleaners
- Bathroom cleaners
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Bug sprays
- Metal polish
- Oven cleaners
- Tile cleaners
- Aerosols
- Disinfectants

Garage & Workshop:

- Gasoline
- Automatic transmission fluid
- Auto body repair products
- Oil-based paint
- Varnish
- Other oils/cleaners
- Auto batteries
- Antifreeze
- Brake fluid
- Paint stripper
- Paint thinner

Garden & Other Items:

- Chemical fertilizer
- Herbicides
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Dry cleaning solvents
- Photographic chemicals
- Artist's paints/mediums
- Fungicides
- Insecticides
- Rat poison
- Moth balls
- Batteries

DON'T BRING TO COLLECTION:

- Radioactive materials
- Explosive materials
- Controlled substances
- Polychlorinated biphenyls
- Pathological/medical wastes
- Compressed gasses (Propane tanks)
- Wastes from regulated generators
- Unknowns that are suspected to be one of the above
- Business or commercial waste
- Common trash or recyclables
- Construction debris
- Electronics or appliances
- Containers larger than five gallons
- Asbestos
- Latex paints
- Ammunition

Use, store and dispose of hazardous waste carefully

Improper use, storage, or disposal of hazardous products can endanger our families and the environment. Consider the following tips when using hazardous products at home:

1. Use non-toxic alternatives. Many safe alternatives to chemical products are readily available.
2. Before purchasing a product, make sure it will do the job you need.
3. Do not buy more than you need.
4. Read the label and follow directions about how to use the product and dispose of the container carefully.
5. Use up all of the product, leaving only the empty container to throw away.
6. Donate or give away unwanted products to community organizations or your neighbors.
7. Find and use local recycling centers or automobile service centers for used oil, batteries and other products.
8. Use organic lawn and garden alternatives that do not contain synthetic chemical poisons.