

HAZARDOUS WASTE INFORMATION

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household Hazardous Waste is any household product which is labeled:

DANGER	CORROSIVE	POISON
WARNING	TOXIC	EXPLOSIVE
CAUTION	FLAMMABLE	VOLATILE

Or a combination of these characteristics, Look for warning or skull and crossbones on label. Use this list to identify and collect hazardous products which are no longer usable or wanted. Select a product suited for the job at hand but only what you can use entirely.

WHY COLLECT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

These collection days are intended to provide Berks County residents with a responsible way to dispose of old, unusable and unwanted hazardous products. Putting in the trash or down the drain contributes to the pollen of our air and drinking waters.

HOW TO BRING MATERIALS TO THE COUNTIES COLLECTION SITE?

Do not mix the materials.

Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger containers.

Bring all materials in original containers with labels, if possible.

If not in original labeled container, please label container used.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

PAINTS

Turpentine, Wood Preservatives, Paint Thinners & Solvents, Oil Based Paints, Varnishes and Stains.

OUTDOORS

Weed Killers, Pesticides, Asphalt & Driveway Sealants, Pool Chemicals, Herbicides & Fungicides.

AUTOMOTIVE

Antifreeze, Gasoline, Transmission Oil, Motor Oil, Automotive paints and finishes.

HOUSEHOLD

Solvents, Disinfectants, Rug, Oven & Drain Cleaners, Button Batteries, Photographic Chemicals, Floor & Furniture Polish, Lithium & NiCad Batteries, Oil Based Paints, Varnishes and Stains.

DO NOT BRING

Latex Paint*, Joint & Caulking Compound, Organic Peroxides, Gas Cylinders, Explosives & Ammunition, Radioactive Waste, Infectious or Medical Waste, Water based sealants.

*Allow materials to dry and discard with regular trash.

When improperly disposed of, used motor crank case oil and antifreeze can damage the environment and human health.

SOME GUIDELINES

Don't pour used oil or antifreeze on the ground, down the storm sewer or down any drain.

Don't burn used oil except in an WPA approved furnace.

Don't mix used oil with any other liquid.

Do collect the used oil in clean, unbreakable containers with tight fitting lids.

BATTERY DROP OFF SITES:

East Penn Manufacturing Exide Corporation
Lyon Station, PA Reading , PA

Dispose of Your Hazardous Waste Safely!

Free Program for All Berks County Residents. For More Information, Call Small business collection is available. Please call (610)-926-6915 for an appointment.

No Commercial Waste

No More than 200 LBS.

No 55 Gallon Drums

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BERKS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Two Woodland Road, 2nd Floor

P.O. BOX 5889

Wyomissing, PA 19601

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF YOUR LATEX PAINT

Paint hardener can be purchased at most hardware stores.

Paint Hardener

Paint Hardener is an environmentally-friendly paint management solution that turns liquid paint solid for curbside disposal. Works with latex and acrylic paints and stains. Less mess and less effort than painting out or drying up. No need to use newspaper, kitty litter, or sand. Works great on spills too.

Just mix, stir, and dispose of solidified paint

Hardens up to 2/3 of a gallon (2.5L)

Paint solidifies in 15-20 minutes

We are providing this information for informational purposes only. We are in no way promoting this particular manufacturer.

Once hardened paint can. Should be placed out for collection with normal trash. Please remove lid from container prior to disposal to ensure collection.

For additional information on disposing of difficult materials, please contact our office at: **610-478-6362**