

Resources

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP)
depweb.state.pa.us

Offers information concerning managing household hazardous waste

Pennsylvania Resources Council
prc.org

Provides information for HHW management in Pennsylvania

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
800-438-2474
epa.gov

Offers information on hazardous substances in your home, as well as alternatives to household cleaners

In Partnership With

Allegheny County Health Department
achd.net/recycling

Armstrong County Recycling Center
co.armstrong.pa.us/recycling

Beaver County Department of Waste Management
beavercountypa.gov/Depts/WasteMgmt

Cambria County Solid Waste Authority
cambriarecycles.org

Washington County Planning Commission
co.washington.pa.us/177/recycling

PA DEP Recycling Hotline
800-346-4242



OUR MISSION: To lead and promote individual and collective actions to preserve Pennsylvania's environmental resources for each generation.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR
HOME BUYERS & SELLERS

Safe & Healthy

Home



Learn how to properly dispose
of household chemicals



Look around your home and you may discover as much as 100 pounds of “household hazardous waste” (HHW) stored in your basement, garage, kitchen, bathroom, and garden shed.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an average home can easily accumulate this amount of cleaners, pesticides, paints, automotive fluids, and other products containing hazardous components. While such products are safe to use if proper precautions are taken, problems generally arise when you use, store, or dispose of products improperly.

Look for these words on the label:

- poison
- danger
- warning
- caution
- flammable
- reactive
- corrosive
- explosive
- toxic
- harmful
- fatal
- hazardous

The average home contains as much as 100 lbs of Household Hazardous Waste.



Identify “Household Hazardous Waste”

You’ll typically find hazardous products in five areas of your home:

KITCHEN – oven cleaner, bleach, ammonia, floor cleaner, etc.

BATHROOM – toilet bowl cleaner, drain cleaner, hair color, mercury thermometer, medication, etc.

GARAGE – oil, antifreeze, gasoline, etc.

WORKSHOP – oil-based paint, paint thinner, glue, etc.

GARDEN SHED – weed killers, pesticides, insecticides, etc.

Transport Chemicals to a Collection Event

Take proper precautions when packing chemicals to drop off:

- Keep chemicals in original marked containers
- Do not mix products
- Make sure containers are sealed
- Place in cardboard box

Once at the collection event, remain in your vehicle, provide adequate ventilation, and do not smoke.

TOP TIPS for Safeguarding Your Home

- 1. Purchase Only What You Need**
Estimate the quantity you need so you don’t end up with large amounts of leftover toxic materials.
- 2. Keep Chemicals in a Safe Place**
Store all chemicals out of the reach of children and pets.
- 3. Use Nontoxic Alternatives**
Purchase nontoxic alternative products or make your own at home from materials such as baking soda and vinegar.

Manage Chemicals Responsibly when Moving

- 1. Do Not Leave Toxic Chemicals Behind**
Do not leave any hazardous waste behind when you move. To find safe disposal options, call the PA DEP Recycling Hotline at 800-346-4242 or visit PRC.org.
- 2. Identify Products in Advance**
Identify materials that are hazardous and make plans to properly dispose of them — don’t wait until the last minute.
- 3. Separate and Share Materials**
Set aside products you’ll take to your new home and properly label containers. Share leftovers by asking the new homeowner — or friends/neighbors — if they can use any of the remaining products.

Info about collection events:

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Info about proper disposal:

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In case of accidental poisoning:

Pittsburgh Poison Center
412-681-6669 or 800-222-1222
24 hours/day, 7 days/week

