

Disposal of our Household Hazardous Waste



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What to know about hazardous products

What are the four principal hazards?

How do we identify a product that is hazardous?

How do we properly dispose of household hazardous waste?



The four hazards



Toxic or poisonous

Capable of causing injury or death if swallowed, breathed in, or absorbed through the skin.



Flammable or combustible

Can catch fire at relatively low temperatures.



Corrosive

Can eat away materials and burn living tissue by chemical action.



Reactive

Can react with air, water, or other substances and result in fire, explosions, or toxic gases.



Read the label to identify a hazardous product

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
CAUTION: EYE IRRITANT
SEE BACK PANEL FOR ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS.

WARNING: CONTAINS ETHYLENE GLYCOL.
HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED.
READ OTHER CAUTIONARY INFORMATION ON BACK PANEL.

DANGER!
EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE. VAPOR HARMFUL.
HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED.
SKIN & EYE IRRITANT.
VAPORS MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE.
Carefully read & follow all cautions elsewhere on this container.

 **POISON** 
HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED OR MISUSED
CAUSES SEVERE BURNS TO EYES AND SKIN ON CONTACT
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.
READ PRECAUTIONS ON BACK PANELS CAREFULLY.

non-toxic • no fumes • hypo-allergenic • no phosphates
free & clear
of perfumes and dyes
Natural All Purpose Cleaner
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Dangerous look-alikes



Hazardous and non-hazardous products can look alike.
Labels and proper storage can prevent accidents.

Signal Words



Highest hazard	DANGER, POISON
Less hazardous	CAUTION, WARNING
Safer	You don't see: DANGER, POISON CAUTION or WARNING

Poison or danger – The product is highly toxic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable or reactive.

Caution or warning – The product is slightly or moderately toxic, flammable, irritating, or reactive.

No signal word – The product is not indicated as hazardous.

How do we properly dispose of household hazardous waste?



Make a prediction



What would you do with these products if they were **full** or **partially full** and you no longer wanted them?

Make a prediction



What would you do with these products if they were empty?

Why must we properly dispose of household hazardous waste?

Hazardous products

- are harmful to sanitation workers.
- emit harmful vapors.
- harm pets, fish, birds, beneficial insects, and other wildlife.
- cause long-term negative effects on our environment.
- can contaminate water supplies and harm aquatic life, including fish.
- generally can't be removed in the water treatment process.



Proper ways to dispose of household hazardous products



Trash / Landfill



Trash for landfill

- **Empty** hazardous product containers such as aerosol cans, cleaner containers, motor oil containers
- **Empty** or dried-out paint cans



Hazardous waste collection site

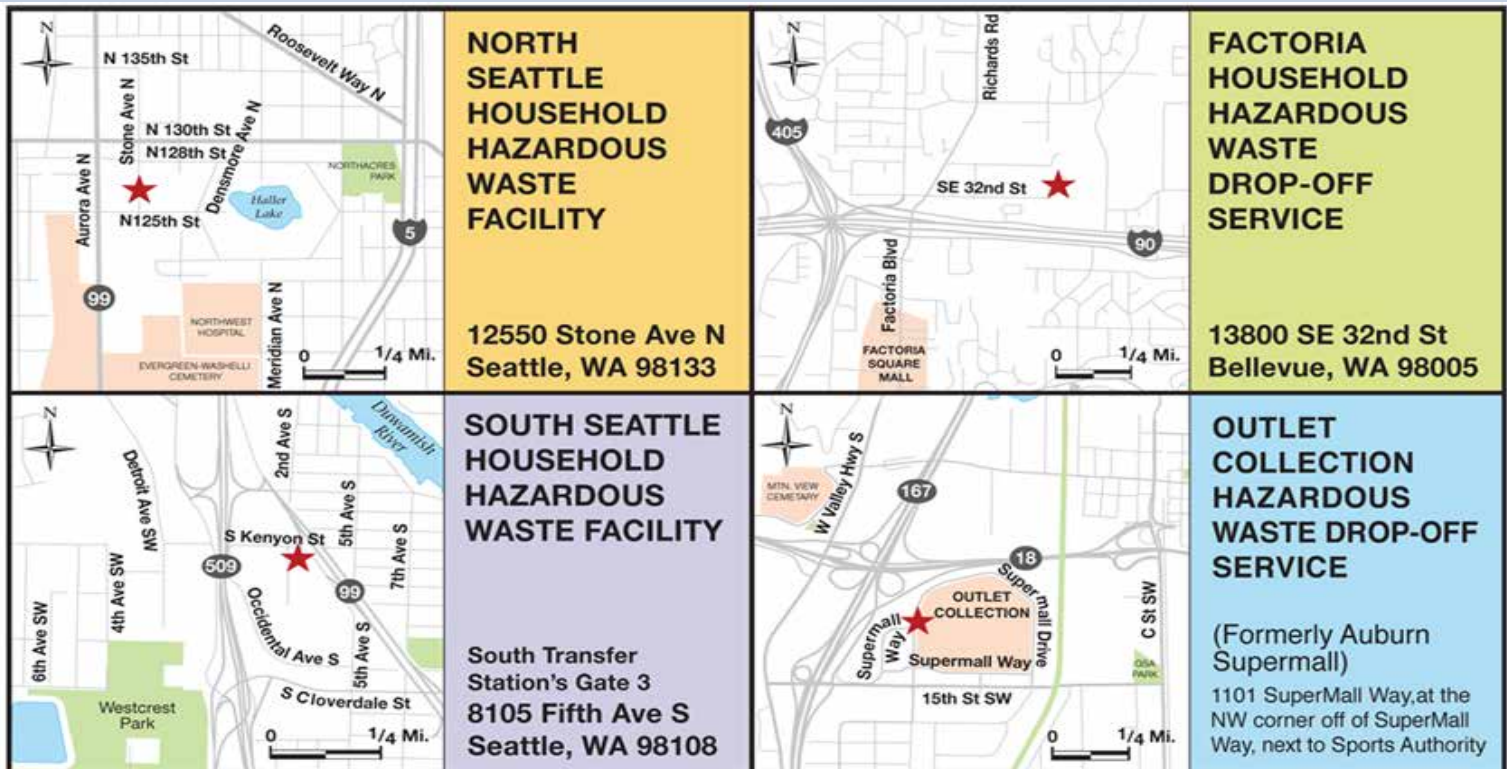


Hazardous waste collection site

- Partially full or full containers marked **caution, warning, danger** or **poison**
- Some accepted products include
 - fertilizers
 - lighter fluid
 - pesticides
 - oven cleaner
 - rubber cement



Where can I take my hazardous products?



Plan ahead! Please note when facilities are open. Call for holiday schedule.

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NORTH SEATTLE: Open 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.			CLOSED	SOUTH SEATTLE: Open 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.		
FACTORIA: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	CLOSED	FACTORIA: Open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.			FACTORIA: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	
OUTLET COLLECTION WASTEMOBILE: www.HazWasteHelp.org	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	OUTLET COLLECTION WASTEMOBILE: Open Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
	<div>WASTEMOBILE</div> <div>For more information about Wastemobile drop-off sites in other King County cities: www.hazwastehelp.org or call 206-296-4692, 1-888-TOXIC ED</div>					

Recycling center



Recycling Center

Special recycling centers and local businesses that are part of the Take It Back Network accept certain household hazardous wastes.

- Batteries
- Ink cartridges
- Motor oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze
- Non-working electronics (cell phones, TVs, computers, printers)
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and fluorescent tubes



Down the drain - NO



Down the drain

Household hazardous products should **not** be dumped down the drain as this can harm septic and sewage lines.

- Send household products down the drain **only** when using them according to label directions.
- Use up cleaners marked **caution** or **warning**. Replace them with something safer next time.



Reuse or donate



Reuse or donate

- Cleaners marked **caution** or **warning**
- Laundry or dishwashing soap
- Functioning cell phones and other electronics
- Usable paint
- New batteries



Proper disposal of household hazardous waste is important

Household hazardous waste collection programs safely store, reuse, recycle, treat and dispose of a community's household hazardous waste.

Reducing the risks
to people and
the environment.



Questions?

Contact your local solid waste utility for information on

- where household hazardous products can be recycled.
- your nearest household hazardous waste collection facility.
- current disposal recommendations.

Call 1-800-Recycle or visit 1800recycle.wa.gov.



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