
DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS

Information for Homeowners

Household Hazardous Waste

To prevent health and environmental risks, household hazardous materials must be disposed of properly if their containers are damaged and the material is exposed.

Look for leaking or damaged containers of:

- Solvents (such as paint thinner, nail polish remover, etc.);
- Paints;
- Pesticides/Herbicides;
- Fertilizers;
- Oil, Gasoline, or Diesel;
- Drain Cleaners; and/or
- Lead-acid batteries (car batteries).

Questions? Contact Us At:

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If you have any materials of concern, take the following steps:

1. Place in sturdy, secure containers. Preferably with a lid. (NOTE: Do not mix chemicals or products.)
2. Label the containers.
3. Use absorbents (like cat litter or floor dry) to clean up spilled materials. Place the used absorbent in a plastic bag or durable container.
4. Place damaged or wet bags of yard chemicals in plastic bags or other containers.
5. Take hazardous household waste materials to a designated collection site.

Electronics

Electronics often contain metals such as lead, cadmium and chromium that can contaminate water and soil. Newer devices may contain lithium-ion batteries which carry an increased risk of fire if improperly handled. Therefore, electronics must be disposed of properly.

Electronic collection/recycling services vary by location. Reach out to local waste management facilities or services to determine your options. Some best management practices are:

- Remove lithium-ion batteries from devices if possible and recycle;
- Keep electronics in safe, secure locations; and
- Repair, recycle, or dispose of damage electronics immediately.

Please contact the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality with any questions or concerns regarding the disposal of household hazardous or electronic wastes.