

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

It is estimated that Americans have an average of 3 to 10 gallons of Household Hazardous Waste in their homes. Household Hazardous Waste is any household product which is labeled:

Caution	Danger
Flammable	Explosive
Toxic	Warning
Corrosive	Poison
Volatile	

or a combination of these characteristics. Look for warning or skull and crossbones on label. They are hazardous because when released, spilled, or incorrectly used, they have the potential to harm you, your pets, or the environment. The unused or unwanted materials are known as Household Hazardous Waste, or HHW.

WHY COLLECT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

This collection day is intended to provide Shelbyville/Shelby County residents with a responsible way to dispose of old, unusable and unwanted hazardous products. Putting them in the trash or down the drain contributes to the pollution of our air and drinking water.



ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Household Hazardous Waste includes a broad range of products.

Workshop and Painting Supplies:

- Adhesives & glues
- Furniture Strippers
- Oil or enamel paint
- Paint thinners & removers
- Turpentine
- Photographic chemicals
- Stains & finishes

Outdoor Pesticides • Ant & cockroach sprays and baits • Bug Sprays • Flea repellents and shampoos • Insecticides • Moth repellents • Mouse and rat poisons/baits

Automotive products • Refrigerants & antifreezes • Automotive batteries • Carburetor & fuel injection cleaners • Fuel & fuel additives • Propane tanks • Transmission, brake & starter fluids

Cleaning products • Bleach • Drain cleaners • Oven cleaners • Toilet cleaners • Tub, tile & shower cleaners • Wood & metal cleaners and polishes

Lawn & Garden Products

- Fungicides
- Wood preservatives
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Pesticides

Miscellaneous • Batteries • Driveway sealer • Fluorescent light bulbs • Kerosene

HOW SHOULD I BRING MATERIALS TO OUR COLLECTION?

It is important to take the following precautions when transporting Household Hazardous Wastes:

- Do not mix the materials
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in a larger container.
- Bring all materials in original containers with labels, if possible
- If not in original container, please label the container used.

DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE COLLECTION EVENT:

- Used Motor Oil — accepted at several locations throughout Shelbyville.
- Explosives or ammunition
- Radioactive Waste
- Infectious or Medical Waste
- Water-based Sealants
- Household trash
- Prescription Medication
- E-Waste (TVs, computers, printers, cell phones, VCR/DVD/CD players and other electronic items)
- **No Business Items**

