What to Bring to a HHW Collection

Oil-based paints/stains
Paint strippers
Motor oil*
Gasoline
Antifreeze*
Driveway sealers
Pool chemicals
Pesticides
Photo chemicals
Mineral spirits
Spray paints
Household cleaners
Detergents
Bleach
Oven cleaners
Drain openers
Tub & tile cleaners
Toilet cleaners
Smoke detectors
Spot removers
Roofing sealers
Insecticides
Insect repellants
Weed killers
Rat and mouse poisons
Pet spray and dips
Flea collars
Mothballs
Shoe polish
Adhesives & glues
Lighter fluid
Windshield wiper fluid
Brake fluid

The Following Items Will Not Be Accepted

LATEX PAINTS/STAINS
Ammunition
Asbestos
Electronics*
Explosives
Fire extinguishers
Fluorescent light bulbs*
Medications**
Rechargeable batteries
Smoke Detectors

* Many municipal transfer stations have special programs for these items.

**The Littleton Police Station has a dropbox for medications open weekdays 9-5pm.

Remember These Dates

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District will be holding two one-day collections for household hazardous waste in 2016. The collections will be held on:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016
at the Littleton Transfer Station
1213 Mt. Eustis Road
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016
at the Plymouth Recycling Center
56 Beech Hill Road
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

For more information contact your local recycling facility or contact the District by email at pemibakerswd@yahoo.com.

Transport Your HHW to a Collection, Safely!

- Leave all materials in their original containers
- Be sure caps and lids are on securely and place the containers in a sturdy cardboard box or plastic tote
- An attendant at the collection site will remove the material from your car – please stay in your vehicle
- Please do not smoke while at the collection site

Your Guide to the Reduction and Proper Disposal of

Household Hazardous Waste

The Household Hazardous Waste collection events are sponsored in part by the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District and Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

Almost every home has some type of chemical product that can be hazardous if not used, stored, or disposed of properly. If used as directed, these products are usually safe. When they are no longer needed or are unusable, we refer to them as Household Hazardous Waste, or HHW for short.

HHW can be found in many different areas of your home: under sinks, in basements, in sheds and garages. See the accompanying list in this brochure for examples of HHW found in the average home. If you're unsure if a product is hazardous, look for key words like "POISON", "DANGER", "WARNING", "TOXIC", or "CAUTION".

Proper disposal of HHW is critical. If these products are disposed of improperly, they may contaminate ground and surface waters and ruin drinking water supplies. Products carelessly disposed of in household trash can injure municipal employees at transfer stations and others involved in the collection and disposal of solid wastes. Products poured down drains can damage plumbing, septic systems, and waste water treatment facilities.

Help Reduce the Amount of HHW Generated

- Consider non-toxic alternatives
- Purchase only the amount needed to do the job
- Store products so that they last
- Share usable leftover products with family, friends or neighbors
- Donate usable leftover products to church groups, schools, or other community groups

Get Creative

There are many "homemade" alternatives for many of the traditional chemicals used in our homes. Here are a few recipes to consider:

Multipurpose Cleaner: Start by adding 2 cups of water to a spray bottle. Add 1 tsp of borax, 1/2 tsp of baking soda, 1/4 tsp of liquid soap or detergent and 2 tsp of white vinegar. Shake the bottle vigorously to mix the ingredients. For a fresh lemon scent, substitute lemon juice for the vinegar.

Drain Cleaner: Pour 1/4 cup of baking soda and 1/2 cup of vinegar into the drain. Cover the drain until fizzing stops, then flush with boiling water.

Glass Cleaner: Mix one tablespoon of vinegar or lemon juice in one quart of water. Spray on glass and use newspaper to wipe dry.

For more environmentally safe cleaning ideas go to eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm

If You Must Use Chemical Products Remember These Tips

- Follow label instructions and use only the recommended amount. Twice as much does not mean twice the results
- Wear gloves and protective clothing to prevent skin contact
- Use products in well ventilated areas
- Do not mix products. Doing so can cause dangerous chemical reactions or an explosion
- Avoid aerosol products
- Store products safely, out of reach of children and pets
- Leave products in their original, labeled containers
- Bring unwanted/outdated products to a HHW collection