

What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

It is estimated that Americans have an average of 3—10 gallons of HHW in their homes. Items in our homes that are flammable, toxic, corrosive, or react with other materials are hazardous. They are hazardous because when released, spilled or incorrectly used they have the potential to harm you, your pets or the environment. These unused or unwanted materials are known as Household Hazardous Waste or HHW.

Common HHW items

Kitchen:

Oven Cleaner	Floor/furniture cleaner
Bleach	Ammonia
Household batteries	Disinfectants

Bathroom:

Toilet bowl cleaner	Glass cleaner
Drain cleaner	Mercury thermometer

Garage:

Gasoline	Fertilizers
Pesticides	Paints
Antifreeze	Batteries
Pool Chemicals	Motor Oil

Workshop:

Paints & Stains	Solvents
Glues	Varnishes



E-Waste:

Televisions, computers, printers, cellular phones, VCR/DVD/CD players, fax machines and other electronic items are known as E-Waste. These items contain materials that are hazardous to the environment. They also contain materials that can be recycled such as glass, metals, and plastic.

Follow the four smart R's -

RECYCLE— as much & as many materials as you can

REDUCE— purchase only what you need & purchase environmentally friendly products

REUSE— take something you are going to throw away & make it into something else

REBUY— purchase items made from recycled materials

Protect Human Health & the Environment

Items that can be recycled and hazardous products do not belong in your household trash. Recyclable items take up valuable landfill space. Hazardous items crushed in refuse vehicles can mix and react causing fires or poisonous gases to be released. Hazardous chemicals can also leach from landfills and contaminate our groundwater, rivers, bayous and Galveston Bay.



Save the drain for rain

Do not throw trash, chemicals or recyclable items into the storm drains. Clogging the drains increases mosquito breeding & may contribute to flooding.



Make better choices

Use less toxic alternatives to hazardous household products. Recipes for cleaners, pesticides & other common household items may be downloaded from our website at www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org/hhw



Harris County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program

One-Day HHW Events Voucher Program Mobile Collection HazMobile



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One Day HHW Events

Harris County conducts 4 to 6 one day HHW collection events each year throughout Harris County. They are free to all Harris County residents and are held on Saturdays in the spring and fall. Check our web-site for dates and locations.

Harris County residents may bring household quantities of paints, pesticides, fertilizers, motor oil, gasoline and other automotive products, pool chemicals, household cleaners, aerosols, batteries and up to 5 automobile tires.

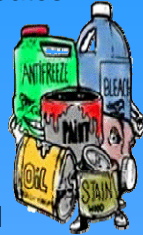
Used electronics such as computers, televisions, printers, fax machines, cellular phones, DVD/VCR players and other small personal electronics are also accepted. You may bring up to 5 each of these items.

Bring a Mercury fever thermometer for proper disposal and in return we will give you a free, non-toxic replacement thermometer!

Items not accepted include business, medical or radioactive waste, smoke detectors, ammunition, explosives, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, gas cylinders, and household trash.



For information on upcoming events, go to www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org/hhw



Voucher Program

If you live in un-incorporated Harris County and need to dispose of your HHW, you may contact us for a free voucher to use at one of the two permanent collection sites within the City of Houston or the site in The Woodlands in Montgomery County. City of Houston residents do not require a County voucher and may use the City of Houston facilities free of charge by presenting a current water bill and a matching driver's license.

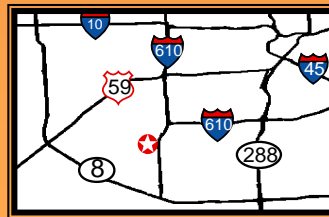
You may choose from the following locations:

The City of Houston Environmental Centers

11500 South Post Oak Houston, TX 77035

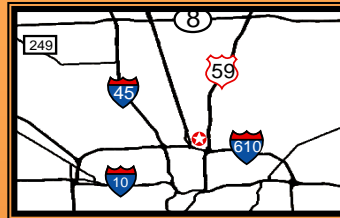
Open every Tuesday & Wednesday - 9 am to 3 pm

Open the second Saturday of the month - 9 am to 1 pm



5614 Neches, Bldg. C Houston TX 77026

Open the second Thursday of the month - 9 am to 3 pm



Montgomery Co. Household Chemical Waste Facility

1118 Pruitt Rd. Spring, TX

Open on Wednesday - 8 am to 5 pm

Open the third Saturday of the month - 8 am to 5 pm



Request a voucher by calling 713.290.3000 or online at www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org/hhw

The HazMobile Harris County's HHW Mobile Collection Unit



The Hazmobile is the combination of a gooseneck and flatbed trailer that will allow us to perform small HHW collections in the rural areas of Harris County. These collections will be in addition to the larger one day events and can accommodate 75 - 100 vehicles per event. Please contact us at 713.290.3000 to have the HazMobile come to your area.

Tips on transporting HHW materials:

- Read labels for specific instructions
- Containers should be sealed and in their original packing
- Pack leaking containers in a larger non-leaking container
- Place containers upright in a box, plastic bin or bag and pack newspaper around the containers to prevent breakage
- If the label has been removed, write the contents on the outside of the container
- Place materials in your trunk where you will not breathe the fumes during transport

Electronics and Tires will NOT be accepted at Mobile Collection events!

Other items not accepted: business, medical or radioactive wastes, ammunition, explosives, smoke detectors, household appliances, compressed gas cylinders and household trash