



## Got Waste?



When it comes to waste, more specifically hazardous waste, most homeowners have a fair amount in their homes. Take a walk into your kitchen. Find any harsh cleaning products? Next head down to your basement and garage, see any motor oil, paint, or pesticides? Lastly, look up. Got light bulbs other than incandescent? Each of these items falls under the regulated hazardous waste category

when it comes to disposal. Now that you have an idea of where your hazardous waste resides, let's talk about what you can do with it when you are ready to dispose of it.

Your weekly curbside waste collection will suffice for ordinary household waste. However, when it comes to harsh chemicals, paints, pesticides, and other products it is best to take them to a location better equipped for safe disposal. In a landfill, your paints, light bulbs, and pesticides eventually break down under normal weather conditions releasing hazardous substances into the surrounding environment. These hazardous substances can potentially seep into adjacent soil and groundwater causing contamination in nearby water bodies. For this reason, county waste programs have set up specific locations where residents may take their waste for safe disposal. Protect your environment! **Do NOT pour hazardous waste down storm drains.**

Click the following links to find a hazardous waste disposal location in your county:

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