

## Proper Disposal of Household Trash and Potentially Harmful Substances

The Center is experiencing some challenges with regard to several solid and hazardous waste management issues:

**Abandonment of used oil at the Auto Club and Vehicle Maintenance Facility.** Please do not leave oil and oil-containing materials outside of the Auto Club or the Vehicle Maintenance Facility (Bldg 27). This practice jeopardizes our environment and creates a potential for water contamination, thereby increasing the Center's risk of receiving notices of violation of environmental regulations. Members of the Goddard Auto Tech Center (also known as the Auto Club, sponsored by GEWA) are authorized to dispose of used oil generated when working on their vehicles at the Auto Club (Bldg 86). There are policies, controls and procedures in place at the Auto Club for members to safely dispose of used oil.

**Disposing of household trash in Center dumpsters.** Please do not bring trash and used oil from home for the purpose of disposing of it on Center. This applies to all civil servants, contractors, visitors or others. Disposing of personal trash is an unauthorized use of government services.



(Above) On July 29, 2006 Security Police were called to the scene of a leaking dumpster. A piece of equipment containing diesel fuel and a citrus-based solvent leaked inside and outside the dumpster and threatened to enter the storm water system. The Safety and Environmental Division coordinated clean up efforts by placing absorbent material on the spill outside of the dumpster, then removing the contents of the dumpster in order to access the spilled substance. Once the spill was cleaned up, the contents were placed back into the dumpster for disposal.

**Disposal of petroleum, oils, lubricants and other potentially harmful substances in Center dumpsters.** Please do not dispose of containers of potentially harmful liquids in Center dumpsters. Drums, engines and other containers should be drained prior to disposal. The contents should then be properly managed and stored.

Below is information about how to properly and safely dispose of household hazardous waste for some counties in Maryland:

- Montgomery County: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov); Residents - Household Hazardous Waste Collection.
- Prince George's County: [www.goprincegeorgescounty.com](http://www.goprincegeorgescounty.com); Environmental Resources Department - Waste Management.
- Howard County: [www.co.ho.md.us/DPW/Environmental\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/DPW/Environmental_Homepage.htm).
- Anne Arundel County: <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/WasteManagement/index.cfm>

If you witness someone dumping debris, household trash or used oil on Center, please write down the vehicle make and model and license plate number and report it to the Security Division at x6-7233.

If you are in doubt about how to properly dispose of debris, used oil, or household trash, have any questions or need more information, please contact the Safety and Environmental Division at x6-6296.

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