

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CHECKLIST

## HOW MANY HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS ARE IN YOUR HOME? USE THIS CHECKLIST TO FIND OUT.

**CAUTION: DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST UNLESS SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT. CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO TOUCH CHEMICAL PRODUCTS OR CONTAINERS.**

### PRODUCT EXCHANGE CENTER

#### HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS

- Aerosol sprays \_\_\_\_\_
- Ammonia \_\_\_\_\_
- Detergents \_\_\_\_\_
- Drain cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Floor wax \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture polish \_\_\_\_\_
- Mothballs \_\_\_\_\_
- Nail polish remover \_\_\_\_\_
- Oven cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Septic tank cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Spot removers \_\_\_\_\_
- Toilet bowl cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Tub and tile cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Window cleaners \_\_\_\_\_

#### HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES

- Artificial dyes \_\_\_\_\_
- Glues and cements \_\_\_\_\_
- Household batteries \_\_\_\_\_
- Lighter fluid \_\_\_\_\_
- Paints and stains \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographic chemicals \_\_\_\_\_
- Stain and varnish removers \_\_\_\_\_
- Swimming pool chemicals \_\_\_\_\_
- Thermometers \_\_\_\_\_
- Turpentine and paint thinners \_\_\_\_\_
- Varnish \_\_\_\_\_
- Wood sealers \_\_\_\_\_

#### AUTOMOTIVE

- Brake fluid \_\_\_\_\_
- Car and truck batteries \_\_\_\_\_
- Polish and wax \_\_\_\_\_
- Motor oil \_\_\_\_\_
- Tires \_\_\_\_\_
- Transmission fluid \_\_\_\_\_
- Old gasoline \_\_\_\_\_

#### LAWN AND GARDEN

- Fungicides \_\_\_\_\_
- Herbicides \_\_\_\_\_
- Insect repellents \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS?

**1. Identify them.** Look for the following words and phrases on the label – they mean the product may be harmful to people, animals and the environment:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| • Caustic             | • Harmful if swallowed |
| • Caution             | • Poison               |
| • Contains phosphates | • Reactive             |
| • Corrosive           | • Skin irritant        |
| • Danger              | • Toxic                |
| • Do not mix          | • Volatile             |
| • Eye irritant        | • Warning              |
| • Flammable           | • Wear rubber gloves   |

**2. Follow directions.** Always read labels and follow directions carefully.

**3. Store in a cool, dry place.** Between collection events or trips to the recycling center, keep all hazardous products in their original containers with lids fastened securely. Do not mix, combine or consolidate them.

**4. Recycle or take to a designated collection site.** Never place hazardous products in your regular trash. Motor oil, brake and transmission fluid, antifreeze and car batteries can be recycled at most service stations.

**5. Use environmentally safe products.** Use latex paints instead of oil-based paints. Look for the following words on the product label:

- Biodegradable
- Contains no phosphorus
- Environmentally safe
- Non-corrosive
- Nontoxic

**6. Don't let products go to waste.** Buy only what is needed to do the job. If you can't use all of a product, pass it on to a neighbor, friend or community organization that can.

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