

# Safety Fact Sheet



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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): A GUIDE TO DISPOSAL

Common household products containing hazardous materials may be dangerous for individuals and the environment. To keep our water and environment clean, we recommend proper disposal of household hazardous waste. Examples of common hazardous waste include:

*Acids/Alkalies, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Bleach, Car Batteries, Cleaners and Polishes, Disinfectants, Gas Cylinders, Gasoline, Kerosene, Mercury, Paint, Pesticides, Herbicides, Solvents, and Used Motor Oil.*



In all cases, it is best to use up the product or share it with a neighbor before attempting to dispose of chemicals. The Utah Department of Solid and Hazardous Waste (DSHW) offers these tips:

**Acids/Alkalies** – Typically the main ingredient in cleaning compounds and drain openers. These products are usually safe to use even when a few years old. Refer to label directions, and never mix cleaning products.

**Aerosols** – Use up all contents of aerosol containers before disposing with other trash. Substitute pump sprays whenever possible.

**Antifreeze** – Never pour antifreeze into a storm sewer! The sweet taste of antifreeze may attract small children and animals, so be sure to store it where they won't be tempted to drink it. [Click here for a list of agencies that accept antifreeze.](#)

**Bleach** – Old bleach may still be used according to label directions for cleaning and disinfecting. Never mix bleach with ammonia or any other acid product.

**Car Batteries** – Contact a retailer that sells new car batteries; most will take the used batteries to be recycled.

**Cleaners and Polishes** – Seal empty containers and dispose of them with the rest of your trash.

**Disinfectants** – Use them up according to label instructions and store out of the reach of children.

**Gas Cylinders** – Butane, Propane or other pressurized gas cylinders pose an explosion hazard and can only be disposed of when the container is empty and no longer under pressure.

**Gasoline** – Gas older than six months can be safely used as fuel in your car, lawnmower or snowblower, when first regenerated by mixing it with fresh gasoline.

**Kerosene** – Can be safely used as fuel when first regenerated by mixing with fresh kerosene.

**Mercury** – Highly toxic and can be absorbed through the skin. Do not touch Mercury and

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do not throw it in the garbage. Check with the local health department or HHW recycling center, dentist, or hospital to see if they accept mercury thermometers for recycling. Some hazardous waste disposal companies will accept mercury for recycling. Hazardous waste disposal companies listed in the yellow pages under “Environmental and Ecological Services” may be able to accept and recycle a mercury-containing device.

**Paint** – Once hardened, it can be put in the trash. Paint that is still usable should be donated to a neighbor or taken to the Re-Use Center at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility within the Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Facility or the Trans-Jordan Landfill.

**Pesticides/Herbicides** – Avoid disposal whenever possible. Never reuse the containers. Rinse them three times then spray the rinse water on your lawn or garden.

**Solvents** – You can clean used solvents by allowing the paint or dirt particles to settle out in a container. Gently pour the cleared solvent into another container to use again and discard the dried sludge in the trash.

**Used Motor Oil** – Motor oil should be recycled. [Click here for a list of Used Oil Collection Centers in Utah.](#)

## CITY/COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAMS

<a href="#">Bountiful City Landfill</a> 950 S. 200 W. Bountiful, UT 84010 801.298.6175	Cache County <a href="#">Logan City Solid Waste Facility</a> 200 North 1400 West Logan UT 84341 435.750.9981	Davis & Morgan Counties <a href="#">Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District</a> 1997 East 3500 North Layton, UT 84040 801.614.5600
<a href="#">Iron County Landfill</a> 3127 North Iron Spring Roads Cedar City, UT 84720 435.865.7015	<a href="#">Millard County Landfill</a> 2250 S. Highway 50 Delta, UT 84624 801.864.2297	<a href="#">Murray Public Works Department</a> 4646 S. 500 W. Murray, UT 84107 801.270.2440
<a href="#">Salt Lake Valley Household Hazardous Waste Facility</a> 6030 West California Ave Salt Lake City, UT 84104 801.974.6922	<a href="#">Trans-Jordan Landfill</a> 10873 South 7200 West South Jordan, UT 84095 801.569.8994	<a href="#">Tooele County Health Department</a> 151 N. Main Street Tooele, UT 84074 435.277.23000
<a href="#">Weber County</a> <a href="#">867 West Wilson Lane</a> Ogden, UT 84401 801.399.8803		