



# R-7 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household hazardous wastes (HHW) are defined as waste materials which are typically found in homes or similar sources, which exhibit characteristics such as: corrosivity, ignitability, reactivity, and/or toxicity, or are listed as hazardous materials by EPA.

### List of most common HHW products:

Drain openers  
Oven cleaners  
Wood and metal cleaners and polishes  
Automotive oil and fuel additives  
Grease and rust solvents  
Carburetor and fuel injection cleaners  
Starter fluids  
Batteries  
Paint Thinners  
Paint strippers and removers  
Adhesives  
Herbicides  
Pesticides  
Fungicides/wood preservatives

Many types of waste can be recycled; however options for each waste type are limited. Recycling is always preferable to disposal of unwanted materials. All gasoline, antifreeze, waste oil, and lead-acid batteries can be recycled. Latex and oil-based paint can be reused, as well as recycled. Materials that cannot be reused or recycled should be disposed of at a properly permitted landfill.

Think before disposing of any household hazardous waste. Remember - The Ocean starts at your front door.

The activities outlined in this fact sheet target the following pollutants:	
Sediment	
Nutrients	
Bacteria	
Foaming Agents	x
Metals	x
Hydrocarbons	x
Hazardous Materials	x
Pesticides and Herbicides	x
Other	x



### Required Activities

- Dispose of HHW at a local collection facility. Call (714) 834-6752 for the household hazardous waste center closest to your area.
- Household hazardous materials must be stored indoors or under cover, and in closed and labeled containers.
- If safe, contain, clean up, and properly dispose all household hazardous waste spills. If an unsafe condition exists, call 911 to activate the proper response team.

### Recommended Activities

- Use non-hazardous or less-hazardous products.
- Participate in HHW reuse and recycling. Call (714) 834-6752 for the participating household hazardous waste centers.

*The California Integrated Waste Management Board has a Recycling Hotline (800) 553-2962, that provides information and recycling locations for used oil.*

For additional information contact:

City of Lake Forest – Public Works Department

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