Special Items Require Special Handling - these are not accepted, learn how to safely dispose here

- Ammunition (bullets): Contact local law enforcement.
- Asbestos: Contact Altamont Landfill, JG E455-7300 or Hay Road Landfill, Recology Vacaville, 707-678-4718.
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- Explosives (marine flares): Co} tact local law enforcement.
- Medicines: Visit smchealth.org/ RxDisposal for locations.
- Medical and Biological Waste: Learn more at smchealth.org/medwaste, 650-372-6200, or envhealth@smcqov.org
- Pressurized Gas Cylinders (except propane): Vent outdoors by opening valve until atmospheric pressure is reached; dispose as scrap metal.
- Radioactives: Contact the CA Department of Public Health at 916-558-1784.
- Sharps: Contact your health care provider or visit smchealth.org/sharps for locations.
- Smoke Detectors: Recycle the battery.
 Contact manufacturer for recycling options.

Non-hazardous Items That Do Not Require Special Handling

- Empty Containers: Ensure container is empty, remove lid, and place in recycle bin.
- Grout
- Spackle
- Cement Blocks/Pieces
- Latex Silicone-Based Caulk



Find a Drop-off Event Near You

Weekly Events

San Mateo

Periodic Events

- Daly City
- Menlo Park
- Redwood City

Quarterly Events

- Pacifica (third Saturday)
- South San Francisco (first Saturday)

Annual events may be held in other cities in the future as available.

Free Household Products

Need paint, thinner, car wax, drain cleaner, or other products in their original containers? Browse new or partially used products at the Free Product Giveaway, open Thursdays-(most) Saturdays, 2-3pm, 32 Tower Road, San Mateo.

Make a drop-off appointment at **smchealth.org/hhw-appt** or call **650-372-6200**.





HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

smchealth.org/hhw

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Unwanted chemicals in the home are household hazardous waste (HHW). Look for warning labels (danger, poison, flammable, toxic, corrosive, or oxidizer) on the container. It is unsafe and illegal to put these wastes in the garbage, down the sink, or into storm drains.

Hazardous products can be found in many areas of your home, like in the garage, shed, and under the kitchen or bathroom sink. Give away what you cannot use, or bring it to a free County HHW drop-off event. Recycling locations and event schedules can be found at smchealth.org/hhw.

Reduce household hazardous waste in the first place. Buy only what you need, and look for less toxic alternatives at smchealth.org/healthyhome.

Got Toxics at Home? We'll Help You Manage Them Safely



Household Cleaning Chemicals Bleach, stain removers, all-purpose cleaners, etc.



Fluorescent Lights¹
All sizes and types (10 tube/bulb limit per



Paints², Painting Supplies and Home Improvement

Paint, stains, thinners, varnish, epoxy, roof tar, etc.



Garden Fertilizers, Herbicides and Pesticides

Powders, baits, or any other product for killing pests (ants, cockroaches, fleas, ticks, etc.) in and around your home.



Propane Tanks and Outdoor Cooking Fluids

Lighter fluid, camp stove fuel, propane tanks for gas grills.



Household Batteries³

AAA to 9-volt, buttons from hearing aids and watches, and any other types. (Tape the terminals before drop-off.)



Automotive Supplies, Car Batteries and Motor Oil³

Antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, diesel, fuel additives, fluids, chrome polish, many cleaners, roadside flares and waxes.



Aerosol Cans

Spray paints, hair spray, or any other aerosol sprays (except food grade products like cooking oil sprays).



Hobbies

Arts and crafts, glues, epoxies, dyes, etc.



Pools or Spas

Home water treatment chemicals.

- 1 Some hardware stores, transfer stations and recycle yards may take back fluorescent bulbs and/or tubes for free from the public. Visit smchealth.org/post/hhw-most-wanted
- 2 These items may be taken to a PaintCare drop-off location. Visit paintcare.org for locations.
- 3 Curbside pick-up service for household batteries and used motor oil and filters may be provided by your local waste management company. Visit smchealth.org/post/curbsidepick-options

For a full list of locations near you, check recyclestuff.us

HHW Facility Drop-off Program

You must live in San Mateo County to use the free facility drop-off Program. Not all hazardous products require a facility appointment. Check smchealth.org/hhw-most-wanted and recyclestuff.us for local collection centers.

1. Estimate How Much Waste You Have

 Base your estimates on the actual product in the container, not the number or size of the containers.

2. Check Your Container Sizes and Volume Limit

- Each container may be up to 5 gallons in size.
- The volume limit is 10 gallons (50 pounds) per appointment. Fluorescent lights are limited to a total of 10 tubes/bulbs.

3. Make a Free Appointment

- Online at smchealth.org/hhw-appt, or call (650) 372-6200.
- Make one appointment for each 10 gallon limit (e.g. 20 gallons requires 2 appointments, requiring 2 vehicle trips).
- · No limit on number of appointments.

4. Package and Transport the Waste

 State regulation prohibits transporting more than 10 liquid gallons or 50 solid pounds of hazardous waste in your vehicle.

5. When You Arrive at the Drop-off

- · Stay in your vehicle.
- · Turn off your engine.
- Extinguish any smoking materials.

Stay updated on future household hazardous waste events. Sign up for email alerts at smchealth.org/hhw.

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