

HHW and Our Environment

Household hazardous wastes (HHW) can become pollutants if misused or handled improperly:

- If excess HHW is poured down the drain in a house that uses a septic system, it has the potential to contaminate groundwater. If you have a lagoon, it could kill the bacteria that break down the waste, causing anaerobic conditions.
- If excess HHW is disposed of in the trash, it winds up in the landfill and can pose a threat to surface and groundwater sources. In addition, improperly disposed waste could cause injury to sanitation workers.
- If excess HHW is disposed of on the ground or through storm drains, it can wash into nearby streams, or percolate down to groundwater and threaten water quality.



Some household products require special attention in their use, storage and disposal. These products we use every day are "hazardous". A product is hazardous if it is:



TOXIC poisonous or capable of causing acute illness



**IGNITABLE/
FLAMMABLE** ignites and/or burns easily



CORROSIVE eats through other materials



REACTIVE can explode if exposed to heat, air, water or shock

Check the label to see if a product is hazardous. If it says **WARNING, CAUTION, DANGER, or POISON** it may be hazardous.

The Household Hazardous Waste site is located at the Butler County Landfill (SW Boyer Road and SW 40th Street). Look for signs on SW 40th Street directing you to the site on the east end of the landfill off SW Kickapoo Road. The site is open daily from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

For More Information,
Contact 316-321-9278 or
316-320-1453

Just What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?



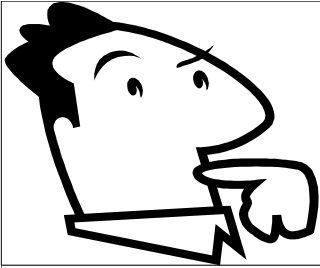
Products like cleaning agents, herbicides, pesticides, paints, automobile fluids and batteries contain toxic ingredients. When these products are used or disposed of improperly, they can be harmful to humans, livestock, pets and the environment.

Butler County Landfill Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site

SW 40th Street and SW Boyer Road (Follow signs on SW 40th Street to the e-waste facility at the landfill, then south on SW Kickapoo Road)

OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY
8:30 am TO 5:00 PM

- Buy only what you need. **More is not better if you do not use it up.**



**THINK
BEFORE
YOU
BUY!!**

- Read the label. The label will tell you how much product you need per square foot or yard.
- Follow directions on the label carefully.
- Compare product labels to select the least potentially hazardous product that will best meet your needs. "Danger" or "Poison" means highly toxic or extremely flammable. "Warning" or "Caution" means moderately or slightly toxic. Be aware that "non-toxic" has no federal regulatory definition. It is only an advertising word.
- For paint, measure the area you plan to paint and know how many square feet you have, then when you go to the store, read the label to see how much paint you need.
- If you have extra:
 - ⇒ Share any leftovers with friends, neighbors, relatives, schools, shelters, religious organizations, etc.

Examples of Household Hazardous Waste:

- Insecticides
- Fungicides
- Household Cleaning Products
 - Kitchen, bathroom cleaners
 - Furniture polishes and waxes
 - Rug and upholstery cleaners
 - All purpose cleaners
- Batteries
 - Nicad
 - Small "Button" batteries
 - Rechargeable
- Photo and Pool Chemicals
- Automotive Products
 - Oil and gas
 - Antifreeze
 - Brake fluid
 - Transmission fluid
 - Solvents and degreasers
 - Batteries
- Paint and Paint Products
 - Oil and Latex based paint
 - Varnish/stain remover
 - Strippers, finishing products
 - Thinners
 - Wood preservatives
- Pesticides
- Herbicides

What Can I do to Help Protect the Environment?

- ☺ Minimize the need for pesticides by choosing plant species that are resistant to insects and disease.
- ☺ Use non-phosphate laundry detergents.
- ☺ Purchase or make your own non-toxic household cleaning products.
- ☺ Use rechargeable batteries whenever possible.
- ☺ Purchase latex paint instead of oil-based paint whenever possible.
- ☺ Never pour antifreeze down any drain.
- ☺ Clean up oil leaks and spills immediately and thoroughly with cat litter or other absorbent materials.
- ☺ Use your household hazardous waste facility to dispose of any unused product.

