

# What Are HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS?

A wide range of materials used in homes are considered hazardous. Generally, these products are oil- or solvent-based, contain heavy metals such as mercury, or are caustic materials like drain cleaners.

## Why should I be concerned?

Thousands of adults will visit a poison control center or emergency room this year with burns, poisonings, or eyesight damage caused by hazardous household products. Almost 1 million children under the age of six will be poisoned or injured in the home by household products, as will thousands of pets.

## How can they be identified?

Read the label. If the label says *Danger*, *Poison*, *Warning*, or *Caution*, the product may be hazardous to your health or may pollute our ground and surface water.

## Should I throw them away?

No! Some household products release toxic fumes or explode if they are mixed together in the trash, causing fires or injuring workers. Dumping them in landfills or sewers could contaminate our water supply or kill fish and other wildlife.

## COLLECTION CHECKLIST

### Cleaners & Chemicals

- Oven Cleaner
- Spot Remover
- Disinfectant
- Drain Opener
- Pool Cleaners & Chemicals
- Solvents & Degreasers
- Photo & Hobby Chemicals
- Acids

### Paints, Polishes, & Stains

- **PLEASE DO NOT BRING LATEX PAINT!**  
**See right panel for disposal details!**
- Oil & Alkyd-Based Paint/Stain
- Paint Thinner & Remover
- Solvent-Based Wood Finish
- Auto Paint
- Marine Paints & Sealers
- Metal & Furniture Polish
- Wood Preservatives

### Yard Chemicals

- Driveway Sealer with Solvent
- Insecticides, Pesticides, & Rodent Poison
- Weed Killer
- Fertilizers with Weed Killer

### Auto Fluids

- Brake & Power Steering Fluid
- Bug & Tar Remover
- Car Polish & Cleaner with Solvent
- Gasoline
- Radiator Flush
- Camp Fuel

### Mercury Products

- Blood Pressure Gauges
- Thermometers & Thermostats\*
- Switches
- Mercury in Bottles

\*Mercury thermometers and thermostats can be exchanged for their digital counterparts while supplies last, compliments of Covanta SEMASS.

## How to... RECYCLE OTHER ITEMS

### Recycle at your Transfer Station:

- Used Oil\*\*, Oil Filters\*\*, & Antifreeze\*\*
- Auto\*\* & Rechargeable Batteries
- Fluorescent Tubes & Compact Lightbulbs
- Televisions, Computers, & Monitors
- Empty Fire Extinguishers
- Propane Tanks
- Empty Cans
- Dry Paint Cans

\*\* At this time, the Provincetown Transfer Station does not accept these items. Used oil and oil filters (at cost) and intact auto batteries (at NO cost) may be taken to Fay's Automotive Center.\*\*

### Dispose of these items as noted:

- **Latex & Acrylic paints, Water-Based Stains & Wood Finishes** – Pour over cat litter to absorb liquid and throw away
- Alkaline Batteries – Throw away
- Ammunition, Firearms, Fireworks, & Explosives – Take to Police Department
- Sharps/Syringes – Wellfleet & Provincetown take to Fire Department, Truro take to Transfer Station
- Safety Flares – Wellfleet & Provincetown take to Fire Department, Truro take to Transfer Station

### Use up, Give away, or Dry out:

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| • Abrasive Cleaners     | • Compounds               |
| • Air Fresheners        | • Latex Glues & Caulks    |
| • Ammonia               | • Cosmetics & Nail Polish |
| • Borax & Boric Acid    | • Personal Care Products  |
| • Car Washes & Finishes | • Lime & Plant Food       |
| • Detergents            | • Chlorine Bleach         |

