



Household toxic trash

Proper disposal, safer alternatives

Typical household hazardous products accepted by Metro for safe disposal

Batteries
Paints and stains
Pool and spa chemicals
Propane tanks
Fire extinguishers
Pesticides and poisons
Automotive products (motor oil, antifreeze)
Thinners, solvents
Household cleaners and disinfectants
Art and hobby chemicals
Aerosol spray products
Sharps (medical syringes, lancets, etc.)
Mercury-containing products (fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, thermometers, thermostats)

No electronics

(cellphones, computers, etc.)

Household waste only

Questions?

Call Metro Recycling Information

503-234-3000

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Many everyday products used for housework, home improvement, car maintenance and gardening may contain chemicals that can harm your health or pollute the environment. For proper disposal, it's important never to discard these products in the sink, on the ground, down a storm drain or in your garbage can. Instead, Metro can help you safely dispose of hazardous household waste and discover the benefits of using less-toxic products.

Identifying toxic trash

Being able to recognize which products around the home are hazardous is an important part of ensuring proper disposal. Some products may include words such as "warning," "caution," "flammable," "poison," "danger" or "combustible" on the label. The following descriptions characterize household hazardous products:

Ignitable – capable of burning or causing a fire.

Corrosive – capable of eating away materials and destroying living tissue.

Explosive or reactive – able to cause an explosion or release poisonous fumes when exposed to air, water or other chemicals.

Toxic – poisonous, either immediately or over a long period.

Disposing of toxics safely

Metro accepts various types of household hazardous waste for recycling or disposal. Bring it to one of Metro's two transfer stations year-round - just \$5 for up to 35 gallons of household hazardous waste - or participate in a free Metro collection event from March to November.

Here's how to prepare, transport and deliver hazardous products for recycling or disposal by Metro:

- Keep products in original containers, making sure they're properly sealed and leakproof.
- Label unmarked containers if certain of contents. Alert technician upon arrival if contents are unknown.
- Avoid mixing products together to help prevent dangerous chemical reactions.
- Keep entire load to 35 gallons or less, and use containers 5 gallons or smaller. No drums or plastic bags. For larger loads or containers, call Metro Recycling Information to schedule an appointment.
- For safe transport, pack products in sturdy, leakproof boxes and place them in vehicle trunk.
- Remain in vehicle upon arrival at facility; a technician will unload your materials. And, please, no smoking.

Aerosol cans

Use up the contents if possible, and put empty containers - no caps, please - in your curbside recycling bin. Take full or partially full cans to Metro's collection events or hazardous waste facilities.

Antifreeze

You can buy antifreeze-recovery systems with recycling containers at many auto supply stores. Used antifreeze can be recycled at Metro's transfer stations and through some private recyclers. Call Metro Recycling Information at 503-234-3000 for locations.

Paint cans and paint

Dry, empty metal or plastic paint cans and lids can be recycled at the curb. Remove and recycle metal lids. For plastic paint cans, place plastic lid inside can, but detach metal handle to recycle with other small metals. Leftover liquid paint in plastic or metal containers is accepted at Metro collection events and at various sites participating in the industry-operated PaintCare recycling program. Visit www.paintcare.org or call 1-800-CLEANUP for the nearest site.

Motor oil

Used motor oil can be recycled at the curb in clear, unbreakable containers with screw-top lids. Used oil filters can be recycled at some locations. Call 503-234-3000 for details.

Medical sharps

Metro accepts household medical needles in rigid, leakproof, puncture-resistant containers clearly marked with the biohazard symbol and sealed for safety. Join Metro's exchange program for just \$5 per container, and get a new sharps container at no cost each time you bring a full one to Metro's hazardous waste facilities. Call 503-234-3000 for details.

Reducing use of toxic products

Save a trip to the hazardous waste facility and protect the health and safety of your family at the same time. It's easy to get started today.

Choose safer alternatives.

Call Metro Recycling Information at 503-234-3000 or visit www.oregonmetro.gov/saferhome for free publications and educational programs on effective, less-toxic alternatives for cleaning, gardening, controlling pests and maintaining a beautiful yard.

Here's a brief list of helpful Metro publications:

- **Green Cleaners: Simple Cleaning Recipes for a Safer Home** offers cleaning recipes using safe, common household ingredients.
- **Grow Smart, Grow Safe** provides ratings on fertilizers, pesticides and soil amendments to help readers find lawn and garden products least hazardous to people, pets, wildlife and waterways.
- **The Hazardless Home Handbook** is a guide to hazardous household products and effective, inexpensive alternatives.

Buy only what you need.

Check your inventory before buying new products. If you must buy a hazardous product, get no more than what's needed.

Share leftovers with someone who can use them.

Exception: old pesticides, which lose effectiveness after two years and may contain banned chemicals (e.g., DDT, Kelthane).



Healthy homes. Healthy families.

Metro offers toxics disposal

at its two household hazardous waste facilities and periodic collection events

Metro Central Station

6161 NW 61st Ave., Portland
From Northwest St. Helens Road (Highway 30), turn east onto Kittridge Avenue and left (north) onto Front Avenue. Go one mile, turning left onto Northwest 61st Avenue. Facility is on the right.

Metro South Station

2001 Washington St., Oregon City
Just off Interstate Highway 205 at the Oregon City/Molalla exit (exit 10). Follow the exit to the first traffic light. Turn right onto Washington Street. Facility is first building on the right.

Facility hours and fees

Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Closed major holidays. Fee is \$5 for disposal of up to 35 gallons of household hazardous waste. Additional charge for single containers larger than 10 gallons. Call Metro Recycling Information for details.

Collection events

Metro conducts free household hazardous waste collection events at various neighborhood sites from March to November. For details, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/roundups or call 503-234-3000.

Business hazardous waste

For commercial waste, call 503-234-3000 or visit www.oregonmetro.gov/ceg to learn about Metro's conditionally exempt generator program for eligible businesses that produce small amounts of hazardous waste.

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