

What is Household Hazardous Waste?



Almost every home has common household products containing chemicals that are harmful to humans, animals, and the environment. When these products are no longer wanted they become "Household Hazardous Waste" (HHW). They include items such as paint, cleaning products, insecticides, motor oil, and even hobby supplies. It is both dangerous and illegal to dispose of HHW in the garbage, down the drain, or on the ground. Do the right thing and bring your HHW to the nearest drop-off facility... **It's FREE!**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Drop-off Hours & Locations

In Partnership with the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program

City of Santa Cruz HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

Open Saturdays Only 7:30am to 3:30pm
605 Dimeo Lane

(3 miles north of Santa Cruz up Highway 1)

ADDITIONAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Buena Vista Landfill
(831) 454-2606 for hours of operation
1231 Buena Vista Drive, Watsonville
1 mile south of Highway 1

Ben Lomond Transfer Station
(831) 454-2606 for hours of operation
9835 Newell Creek Road, Ben Lomond
Off of Glen Arbor Road

All facilities are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year.

UNWANTED PAINT RECYCLE PROGRAM



Each year thousands of gallons of paint are left over from home improvement projects. If handled improperly, paint threatens the environment, wildlife, and human health. So bring your leftover latex or oil-based paint to the HHW drop-off facility.

PAINT CARE

Drop off leftover paint. Find participating stores in Santa Cruz at www.paintcare.org

If you have less than 2 inches of paint left in a container, open the lid and let the paint dry. After the paint is dry you may throw away the whole container in the trash.

Recycle these

These materials are accepted at the Resource Recovery Facility Monday thru Saturday 7:30a.m. to 3:30p.m.

- * Antifreeze-In a sealed plastic container
- * Auto Batteries
- * Household Batteries
- * Fluorescent tubes & compacts, CFL Bulbs-10 per visit
- * Ballasts-10 per visit

Recycle Motor Oil

* MOTOR Oil & Oil Filters-Place drained filters in a plastic zip-lock bag and use City provided container for oil.

Never mix used motor oil with antifreeze, transmission fluid, gasoline, or other contaminants.

Absolutely NO Solvents!

OIL & OIL FILTER CURBSIDE RECYCLING!

Put used oil in City of Santa Cruz 2 1/2 gallon container. Place drained filters in zip-lock bag. Leave both next to blue recycling cart and not inside cart.

To receive a Free 2 1/2 gallon used-oil container and schedule a pickup call 420-5220.

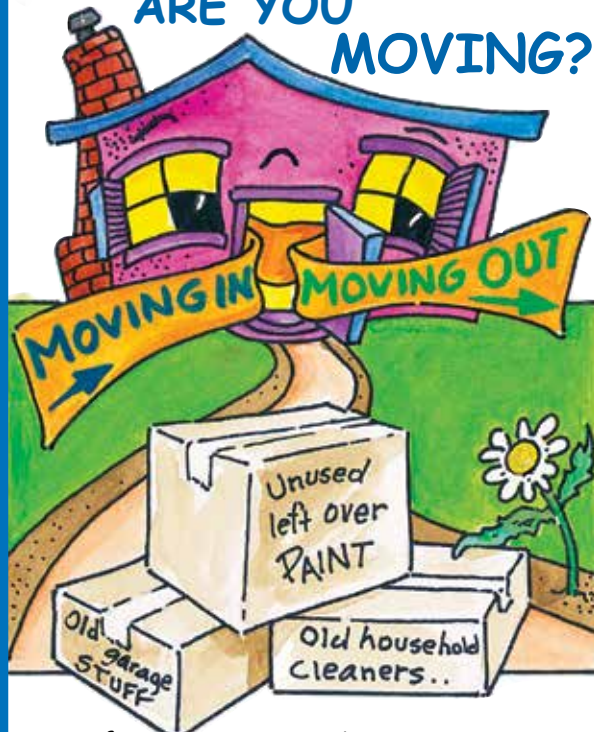
CLEAN UP WITH CARE

- Look for the least toxic products available.
- Clean latex paint in a sink connected to the sanitary sewer.
- Reuse solvents and thinners when cleaning oil-based paint.
- Never clean equipment in gutters, streets, or storm drains.



Stormwater pollution is the greatest threat to water quality!

ARE YOU MOVING?



Before you move, take proper care of household products that may contain hazardous ingredients.

Make sure these products are **REUSED, RECYCLED,** or **PROPERLY DISPOSED.**

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

SET ASIDE products that you can use up before you move, or that you will personally transport to your new home.

OFFER the remaining products to the new owners, neighbors, or friends.

DROP OFF any remaining Household Hazardous Waste at a collection site near you.

HOMEBOUND PICK-UP

If no one in your household is physically able to bring your HHW material to a facility, call 454-2606 to schedule a pick-up.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
809 Center Street, Room 201, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

City of Santa Cruz



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN YOUR HOME?



Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Program



RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM ONLY

Save this Guide!

Numbers to KNOW

- POLICE • FIRE • AMBULANCE • 911
- POISON CONTROL • 1-800-876-4766
- SANTA CRUZ ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH • 454-2022
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM • 454-2606
- CITY OF SANTA CRUZ CUSTOMER SERVICE • 420-5220

FREE

Household Hazardous Waste Program

It's Safe, Convenient, & FREE!

Bring Us Your Household Hazardous Waste...

Bring all these items to your nearest Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Home

- Aerosol Cans
- Air Fresheners
- Ammonia Cleaners
- Bleach Cleaners
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Disinfectants
- Drain Cleaners
- Furniture Polish
- Insecticides
- Smoke Detectors
- Metal Polish
- Floor Care Products
- Oven Cleaners
- Paints
- Mothballs
- Medicine
- Nail Polish
- Toilet Cleaners
- Powder/Abrasive Cleaners
- Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
- Dry Cleaning Solvents

Questions?
(recorded message)
454-2606

Garden

- Ant & Roach Killers
- Fertilizers
- Flea Collars/Sprays
- Fungicides
- Pesticides
- Herbicides (weed killers)
- Pool/Hot Tub Chemicals
- Rat or Insect Poisons

Garage

- Glues
- Oils
- Thinners
- Wood Preservative
- Turpentine
- Rust Paints
- Paint

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- UNWANTED PAINT
- OIL BASED
- WATER BASED

*Recycle These: See back page for information

*Battery Recycling

Automotive

- Aerosol Cans
- Motor Oil*
- Antifreeze*
- Brake Fluid
- Oil Filters*
- Polishes or Wax
- Transmission Fluid*
- Engine Starting Fluid

Ammunition & Explosives

Call the non-emergency number of local law enforcement at 471-1131.

Hobby

- Ceramic Glazes
- Lab Sets
- Furniture Stripper
- Oil Paints
- Stained Glass Solder
- Stains/Finishes
- Photographic Chemicals

- Fluorescent tubes, bulbs - Limit 10 per visit
- Ballasts - Limit 10 per visit

Medical Waste & Needles

You can drop off your medications, needles and sharps at several locations. Keep medicine out of our ground water, streams and ocean. Do not pour medication down any drain or flush down the toilet. Our treatment system can't process these chemicals effectively.

- ✓ It is illegal to discard used sharps in the garbage or recycling.
- ✓ Used sharps must be transported in an approved sharps container.

Never throw medical waste in the garbage or recycling cart.

For drop-off sites: www.med-project.org

SAFE HANDLING TIPS

- Transport Household Hazardous Waste in the original labeled containers.
- Make sure the lids are on securely and that no containers are leaking.
- Cushion glass containers to prevent breakage.
- Residents may only transport 15 gallons or 125 lbs. of HHW in their vehicle.
- Gasoline & Kerosene must be in an unbreakable container that is leak proof.

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