



Household Hazardous Waste Update



Due to a fire in 2010, Benton County residents no longer have a hazardous waste storage facility. Residents are asked to please continue to safely store hazardous waste products until a collection event or solution is announced. **Questions can be directed to Benton County Solid Waste, 736-3084 x5682.**

Disposal Options

- The Horn Rapids Landfill, 3120 Twin Bridges Road in Richland, continues to accept:
 - Used motor oil
 - Computer monitors
 - Hard drives
 - Lap top computers
 - Television sets
 - Vehicle batteries
 - Propane canisters or tanks
 - Used cooking oil
- CFL light bulbs can be taken to Home Depot stores.
- Rechargeable batteries can be taken to Home Depot, Staples, Radio Shack or Office Depot.
- Household batteries can be placed in the regular garbage.
- Latex paint can be solidified and placed in the trash. See www.ci.richland.wa.us/greenliving, link to Household Hazardous Waste and then Paint.

How do I safely use and store household hazardous waste?

- Read and follow the label's safety instructions.
- Keep the product in the original container or clearly label any alternate container.
- Store in a locked cupboard and out of reach of children and animals.
- Store in a dry place, away from heat or flames.
- Do not expose the product to freezing temperatures.
- Be sure lids and caps are tightly sealed.
- DO NOT mix products together.
- DO NOT use product if it is more than 10-years old.
- **DO NOT throw in the garbage or pour down the drain.**
- If the product is still usable, give it away! Ask a friend or neighbor if they can use it.
- When transporting household waste, tighten lids and place in a sturdy box, in an upright position. If in doubt, line the box with plastic.
- Make sure all containers are 5 gallons or less in size and properly labeled with the contents if original labels are missing or unreadable.

How do I avoid or reduce the amount of hazardous products I purchase?

Three simple rules will keep household hazardous waste to a minimum:

- **Purchase in small quantities.** Buy only the amount needed in a short time period.
- **Use what you have** or considering sharing it before purchasing new.
- **Purchase the least toxic product.** Do your research prior to purchase. Consider making your own cleaning recipes out of natural ingredients, such as lemon juice, baking soda, vinegar, etc.



For a free cleaning recipe booklet, call 942-7730 or go to the city's website, www.ci.richland.wa.us, and link to *Green Living* and then *Natural Cleaning*.

For more information, contact Benton County Solid Waste, #736-3084 x5682