

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Each year the Lake County Solid Waste District, the Lake County Board of Commissioners, and the Lake County Department of Utilities sponsor two Household Hazardous Waste Collections free of charge to all Lake County residents (sorry, no businesses).

The following is a list of accepted items:

- Household Cleaners and Solvents: Thinners, Kerosene, Turpentine, Lighter Fluid, Strippers
- Automotive Fluids: Used Motor Oil, Gasoline, Coolants, Antifreeze, Grease
- Oil-based Paints, Varnish, Shellacs, Stains, Aerosols, Polyurethanes, Primers, Grout
- Liquid/Solid: Pool, Lawn & Garden Chemicals, Pesticides, Weed Killers, Spray Insecticides
- Batteries: All Sizes (including lead acid & household)
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Photography & "Hobby" Chemicals
- Mercury, Empty Propane Tanks, Roofing Tars, Drive Sealers, and Adhesives



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING
US MAKE LAKE COUNTY A
CLEANER AND SAFER
PLACE! WE APPRECIATE
YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

In 2006, over 156 tons of hazardous material was collected and 3,306 cars participated in the Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

For questions or additional information, please call the OSU Extension office at 440-350-2582 or the Lake County Utilities Department at 440-350-2645.

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Household Hazardous Waste Proper Disposal



WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is found around the home in products that are considered:

- Flammable
- Toxic
- Corrosive
- Reactive



The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of HHW per year. HHW can be found in all areas of the home including the kitchen, bathroom, garage, workshop, and garden area.

Examples include:

- Household cleaners and solvents
- Automotive fluids
- Pool, lawn, and garden chemicals
- Pesticides and insecticides
- Workshop and painting supplies
- Batteries, mercury, and empty propane tanks



IMPORTANCE OF PROPER DISPOSAL

Household hazardous wastes are sometimes disposed of improperly by pouring wastes down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods have the potential to:

- Cause physical injury to sanitation workers.
- Contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets.
- Present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

Latex Paint Disposal

Latex paint is non-hazardous as it is comprised mostly of water. To dispose of latex paint:

- Donate it to someone or find an organization that will use it.
- Mix several colors and use as a primer for your next job.
- Solidify by mixing an equal amount of absorbent material such as cat litter, sawdust, or newspaper. Once it is dry, it can be placed in with your regular trash.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE SAFE?

- Read and follow directions on the container for proper use and disposal. In most cases, the empty container can be thrown in with your regular garbage.
- Always leave products in their original containers and never remove labels.
- When leftovers remain, never mix with other products.
- Use less toxic alternatives for household products whenever possible.
- Bring all Household Hazardous Waste to the twice yearly HHW collections.

Did you know...

Automotive oil can be recycled and put back to work as a lubricant or fuel. Oil never wears out, it just gets dirty. If you change your own oil, check with your neighborhood service station or auto repair shop as many of these businesses accept oil.

