

How Can I Reduce HHW?

One way to reduce the amount of HHW you generate is to use all of the material. This means buying only the amount you need to get the job done. If you find you have left-over material, see if a friend or neighbor can use it before you dispose of it. This may save you a trip to the HHW facility and can save a friend money!

Waste motor oil which is not contaminated with other fluids or dirt can be recycled. Take used motor oil to the Recycle Center at Warner Park for recycling.

Storage and Transportation

Store your materials in a dry, well ventilated area away from children, pets, food and heat sources.

Keep products sealed and in their original containers. Always store your materials in an upright fashion to avoid spills. Clean spills immediately.

When you are ready to bring in your materials, place leaking containers in a sturdy sealable container packed with an absorbant material like kitty-litter or crumpled newspaper. A clear Plastic bag can also be used.

Materials should be transported in the trunk of your vehicle. To prevent spills make sure containers are upright and immobile.

The center is opened the **second Saturday** of each month

Hours of Operation

OPEN **CLOSE**
8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon

Important Telephone Numbers

HHW Collection Facility698-9531
Waste Resources Office757-5026
Moccasin Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant

Directions

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is located at 3925 North Hawthorne Street.



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What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Many of the products we use to keep our homes clean and bug free contain hazardous chemicals. These items become household hazardous waste (HHW) once they enter the waste stream. On average, each household generates more than 20 pounds of hazardous waste every year. Often, these materials accumulate over time reaching quantities in excess of 100 pounds!

The Environmental Protection Agency has established strict guidelines on the types of materials which can be placed in a regular landfill. Hazardous materials must be disposed of properly in order to reduce the risk to people and the environment.

Characteristics of Hazardous Materials

Toxic/Poisonous: Capable of causing injury or death through ingestion, inhalation, or skin absorption.

Corrosive: Can eat away materials and living tissue by chemical reaction.

Reactive: Can react with air, water, or other substances and result in explosions or toxic fumes.

Flammable/Combustible: Can undergo spontaneous combustion at relatively low temperature, thereby presenting a significant fire hazard.



Why Collect Household Hazardous Waste?

Having a facility available to bring toxic and hazardous materials helps to keep household hazardous waste out of the regular waste stream where it can damage the environment.

The collection facility at North Hawthorne will only accept residential material. Businesses which have hazardous materials must contract with a commercial hazardous waste collection hauler for proper disposal of their hazardous waste.



What Can Residents Bring to the HHW Collection Facility?

Common HHW products which are accepted include:

Drain Openers
Oven Cleaners
Wood and Metal Cleaners and Polishers
Grease and Rust Solvents
Carburetor and Fuel Injection Cleaners
Air Conditioning Refrigerants
Starter Fluids
Paints
Paint Thinner
Paint Strippers and Removers
Adhesives
Herbicides
Insecticides
Pesticides
Fungicides/Wood Preservatives
Dry Cell Batteries



Materials not accepted include:

Unidentifiable Materials
Radioactive Waste (including smoke detectors)
Explosives and Ammunition
Pressurized Fire Extinguishers
Medical Waste
Commercial Hazardous Waste