

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

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WHNLWFHRUEDWURRPLNLYHDZDZDWREDRWVHRU EULLWWRDUHH&RW drop-off
event. Recycling locations and event schedules can be found at smchealth.org/hhw.

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alternatives at smchealth.org/safercleaning.

HHW Facility Drop-off Program

You must live in San Mateo County to use the free facility drop-off program. For local paint, battery, and fluorescent light collection sites, go to smchealth.org/hhw-most-wanted and recyclestuff.org

1. Estimate How Much Waste You Have

- Base your estimates on the actual product in the container, not the number or size of the containers.

2. Check Your Container Sizes and Volume Limit

- Each container may be up to 5 gallons in size.
- The volume limit is 10 gallons (50 pounds) per appointment. Fluorescent lights are limited to a total of 10 tubes/bulbs.

3. Make a Free Appointment

- Online at smchealth.org/hhw-appt or call (650) 372-6200.
- 10-gallon limit (e.g. 20 gallons requires 2 appointments, requiring 2 vehicle trips).
- No limit on number of appointments.

4. Package and Transport the Waste

- State regulation prohibits transporting more than 10 liquid gallons or 50 solid pounds of hazardous waste.

5. When You Arrive at the Drop-off

- Stay in your vehicle.
- Turn off your engine.
- Extinguish any smoking materials.

Stay updated on future household drop-off events. Sign up for email alerts at smchealth.org/hhw.

Got Toxics at Home? We'll Help You Manage Them Safely



Household Cleaning Chemicals

Bleach, stain removers, all-purpose cleaners, etc.



Fluorescent Lights¹

All sizes and types (10 tube/bulb limit per appointment. No LEDs (e-waste not accepted).



Paints², Painting Supplies & Home Improvement

Latex, oil-based, etc.



Pesticides, Herbicides, Fertilizers

Poisons, baits, aerosols, or other pest-killing product (ants, cockroaches, fleas, ticks, etc.) in and around your home.



Propane Tanks & Outdoor Cooking Fluids

Propane tanks for gas grills. No oxygen tanks.



Small Household Batteries³

AAA to 9-volt, button & coin cell, alkaline and lithium metal (tape the terminals). Lithium-ion the size of AA or smaller ONLY. Visit Call2Recycle.org for lithium-ion.



Automotive Supplies, Car Batteries & Motor Oil³

Antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, diesel, fuel additives, chrome polish, cleaners, roadside flares, waxes.



Aerosol Cans

6SDSDLWDLMSDRRWH aerosol sprays (except food grade SURGEVOLNHERRNLRLOVSUDV)



Arts & Crafts, Hobbies

Glues, epoxies, dyes, solvents, photographic chemicals, etc.



Pools or Spas

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- 1 Some hardware stores, transfer stations, and recycle yards may take back fluorescent bulbs and/or tubes for free. Visit smchealth.org/hhw-most-wanted
- 2 Visit PaintCare.org for more drop-off locations.

- 3 Curbside pick-up service for household batteries and used motor oil and filters may be provided by your local waste management company. Visit smchealth.org/curbside.