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Walton County has four used oil collection sites:

- Paxton EMS Station
- County Shop
- County Landfill
- District 5 Road Office

WALTON COUNTY RECYCLES

Open to the public are:

- 15 recycling trailers;
- 4 used oil collection sites;
- 2 tires and white goods collection sites.

For a map of these locations go to:

www.co.walton.fl.us > Departments > Solid Waste > Recycling

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Some jobs around the home may require the use of products containing hazardous components. Such products may include certain paints, cleaners, stains and varnishes, car batteries, motor oil and pesticides. The used or leftover contents of such consumer products are known as “household hazardous waste”.

Americans generate 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste per year. The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of household hazardous waste in the basement, garage and in storage closets. When improperly disposed of, household hazardous waste can create a potential risk to people and the environment. This article will describe steps that people can take to reduce the amount of household hazardous waste they generate and to ensure that those wastes are safely stored, handled, and disposed of.

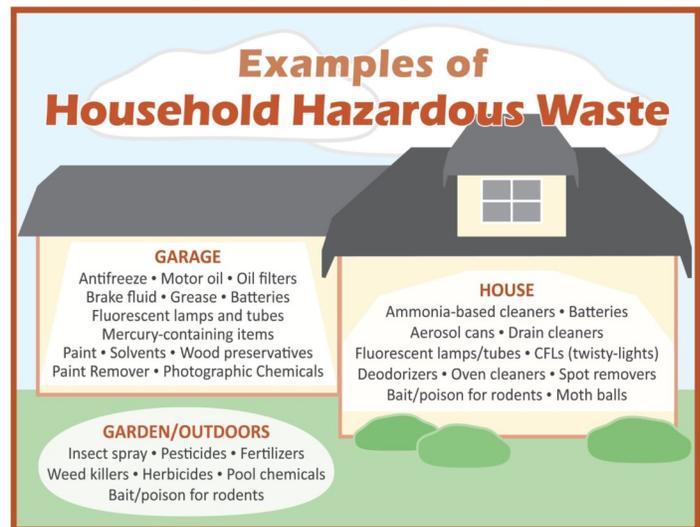
What Are the Dangers of Improper Disposal?

Household hazardous wastes are sometimes disposed of improperly by individuals pouring wastes down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods may not be immediately obvious, but certain types of household hazardous waste have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers; contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets; and present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

Move to Reduce and Recycle

One way to reduce the potential concerns associated with household hazardous wastes is to take actions that use non-hazardous or less hazardous components to accomplish the task at hand. Individuals can do this by reducing the amount and/or toxicity of the products they choose. This can include learning about the toxicity of products and about appropriate alternatives to household items containing hazardous substances.

Recycling is an economical and environmentally sound way to handle some types of household hazardous waste, such as used automobile batteries and oil. Auto part stores



Upcoming Events

Walton County Haz-Mat Collection Day

The Walton County Board of County Commissioners is sponsoring a project to collect, recycle, treat and properly dispose of these and other household hazardous wastes: pesticides, used oil, stale gasoline, solvents, fertilizers, paint, batteries, furniture polish, brake fluid, engine degreaser, anti-freeze, pool chemicals, insecticides, and spot removers on **Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Walton County Fairground; and Topsail Hill State Park from 8am –12pm.**

Waste tire amnesty will also be held at the same location, date and time. Walton County residents may bring up to 4 tires per residence.

No gas cylinders or explosives. Due to the hazardous nature of certain components in home computers, we will accept old computer hardware.

Call 892-8180 for questions or more information.



frequently accept used automobile batteries and 80 percent of these batteries are currently recycled. Additionally, Walton County Board of County Commissioners provides four (4) used oil recycling stations that are open to the public and free of charge.

Safe Management Methods

Because of the potential risks associated with household hazardous wastes, it is important that people always use, store, and dispose of materials containing hazardous substances safely:

- ◆ Use and store products containing hazardous substances carefully to prevent any accidents at home. Never store hazardous products in food containers. Keep products containing hazardous materials in their original containers and never remove the labels. Corroding containers, however, should be repackaged and clearly labeled. This will prevent accidental ingestion and also can help protect sanitation workers.
- ◆ When leftovers remain, never mix household hazardous waste with other products. Incompatibles may react, ignite, or explode; contaminated household hazardous waste may become unrecyclable.
- ◆ Follow any instructions for disposal and use provided on the label.
- ◆ Take household hazardous waste to a local collection program, if available.



WALTON COUNTY HAZ-MAT COLLECTION DAY OCTOBER 16, 2021

Walton County is hosting an Haz-Mat Collection Day on October 16, 2021 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon at the Walton County Landfill located at 1118 Institution Rd., DeFuniak Springs and Topsail Hill State Park located at 7525 Hwy 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-892-8180 for more information or to schedule a drop off time.

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