

Typical categories of household hazardous waste

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| Automotive | Furniture polish | Home and hobby |
| Antifreeze | Laundry softener | Boat bilge pumps |
| Automotive body filler | Lye | Chemistry kits |
| Brake fluid | Metal polish | Cutting oil |
| Car battery acid | Mildew removers | Household batteries |
| Car wax and polish | Oven cleaner | Industrial cleaners |
| Carburetor cleaner | Rug and upholstery cleaners | Mercury |
| Degreasers | Spot remover | |
| Diesel fuel | Spray starch | Art supplies |
| Engine starting fluid | Toilet cleaner | Glues and adhesives |
| Fuel treatments | | Hydrofluoric (etching) acid |
| Gasoline | Pesticides | Photographic chemicals |
| Gear oil | Baygon | Picric acid |
| Grease | Chlordane | Polyurethane cement |
| Lead-acid batteries | DDT | |
| Motor oil | Diasinon | Personal care |
| Power steering fluid | Dursban | Fingernail polish and remover |
| Tire black | Flea collars/spray | Hair coloring |
| Transmission fluid | Fungicides | Hydrogen peroxide |
| Window washer fluid | Herbicides | Iodine |
| | Insecticides | Mercury thermometers |
| Paint and paint products | Lindane | Perfume |
| Latex paint | Malathion | Peroxide |
| Linseed oil | Moth balls crystals | Shoe polish |
| Paint additives | Pyrethrins | |
| Paint strippers | Rodenticides | Home repair |
| Paint thinners | Strychnine | Asphalt driveway sealer |
| Primer | Weed killer | Asphalt roofing cement |
| Pruning paint | Wood preservative | Creosote |
| Shellac | | Epoxies |
| Solvent-based paint | Home office | Glues |
| Spray paint | Ammonia from blueprint machines | Grinding compounds |
| Stains | Duplicator fluid | Pool chemicals |
| Turpentine | Ink jet cartridges | Resins |
| Varnish | Toner from laser printers and copiers | Rubber cement |
| | | Rust proofing |
| Household cleaners | | Smoke detectors |
| Air fresheners | Fuels | Stump killer |
| Aluminum cleaner | Camping Fuel | Thermostats |
| Ammonia | Gasoline/oil mixtures | |
| Bleach | Kerosene | |
| Cesspool Cleaners | Lighter Fluid | |
| Detergent | | |
| Disinfectants | Things that go bang! | |
| Drain opener | Flares | |
| Dry-cleaning solvents | Gun cleaning solvents | |
| Floor wax | | |

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