

What is Household Chemical Waste?

Do you have household chemicals that you no longer need or have passed their 'use by' date?

Some of these chemicals can be dangerous to your children and pets, or are 'sizzling' away in your shed.

Most of them can't be poured down the sink, or put out in the rubbish bin, because they can damage waterways, vegetation, soil and the environment.

So what can you do?

It's easy to rid yourself of those unwanted chemicals and help the environment at the same time - simply take your chemicals to your nearest drop-off facility where they will be safely disposed of.

This service is provided free of charge however *only household quantities of waste* will be accepted (max. 20 L or 20 kg).

How to identify Household Chemical Waste



Household Chemical Waste includes a broad range of products and our homes can be full of hazardous wastes.



Household Chemical Wastes are flammable, toxic, explosive or corrosive.



Look out for words like Danger, Poison, Warning or Caution on the product label.

What wastes should be disposed of at the drop-off facility?



- insect spray
- batteries
- medicines
- coolant/antifreeze
- motor oil
- brake fluid
- fire extinguishers
- transmission fluid
- fuels
- solvent-based paint
- weed killer
- pool chemicals
- paint stripper
- rat poison
- solvents and glues
- acids
- alkalis or bases



Some products can be diluted and disposed of down the drain, for example dishwashing liquid or low toxicity cleaners.

For a full list of chemicals and their appropriate disposal methods visit the Zero Waste web site at www.zerowastewa.com.au

Safe storage and transporting of chemicals

It is important to ensure you take precautions when storing and transporting household chemicals:

- Always handle chemicals carefully and avoid direct contact. Wear gloves where possible.
- Check the label for correct storage advice.
- Store chemicals away from children and animals.
- Keep chemicals away from heat and moisture.
- Regularly check packaging is in good condition.
- Do not mix chemicals as they may react violently.
- Always store in the original container.
- Ensure all containers are labelled with use by dates.
- When transporting chemicals ensure lids are tightly fitted and chemicals securely packed.

● Safer alternatives

Proper disposal of hazardous waste can be expensive and available disposal is limited. We can all play a role in reducing the amount of hazardous material in our community, starting at home.

Each time you make the choice to buy and use safer household products you can help make the environment cleaner. Shop for less toxic products and use safer alternatives. To become a smarter shopper follow these three steps:

- *Read labels carefully*
- *Seek safer alternatives*
- *Choose non-toxic products.*

For a list of safe alternatives visit:

www.zerowastewa.com.au

or the Australian Conservation Foundation Greenhome Guide at:

www.acfonline.org.au/uploads/res_GHWA.pdf

● Where do I take my household chemical waste?

You can drop off your household chemical waste for FREE at:

Millar Road Landfill
Millar Road, Baldivis WA 6171

● More information?

Contact Millar Road Landfill on 9524 2053 or visit:
www.zerowastewa.com.au

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