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Disposal of Hazardous Waste Products in our Homes

The proper disposal of painting supplies, automobile products, outdoor lawn & garden supplies, and indoor/outdoor pesticides - just to name a few - is very important if we want to preserve the soil and water systems in our communities. If you are in need of cleaning out any of these products, then please look at the list below to ensure correct and cautious removal.

- Don't assume that anyone will clean out and properly dispose of chemicals from your home. Did you know that most junk removal and moving companies will NOT handle the disposal of chemical waste products? In order to get more information, please call your local hazardous waste facility to get days and times that they accept such products. They may even be able to present you with a list of qualified people to clean out the items.
- Certain areas will only accept certain items on a daily basis and only within their hours of operation. Other hazardous items may require pre-registration or authorization before items can be brought in to be disposed of.
- There may be maximum quantities allowed per visit. This may mean many trips to the site and thought about how the items will be stored until they can be taken in. If someone is hired to collect the items from the home, a question about adequate temperature controlled storage may be in order.
- If you decide to take on this task yourself, always use safety precautions and cover up, use gloves and eye protection.
- **Typical items that are easiest to locate and take in:** Latex Paints, Used Antifreeze, Used Motor Oil, and Lead Acid Automobile Batteries

Products that may require pre-authorization, quantity limits, and extra care are as follows:

Cleaning Products	Indoor Pesticides	Automotive Products
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drain Cleaners• Wood & Metal Cleaners/Polishes• Toilet Cleaners• Tub, Tile, Shower Cleaners• Bleach• Pool Chemicals• Oven Cleaners• Degreasers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ant Poisons• Cockroach Poisons• Flea Repellants• Household Insecticides• Moth Repellants• Mouse & Rat Poisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motor Oil• Fuel Additives• Carburetor & Fuel Injector Cleaners• Air Conditioning Refrigerants• Starting Fluids• Automotive Batteries• Transmission & Brake Fluid• Antifreeze• Gasoline/Diesel Fuel

<p>Workshop / Painting Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhesives & Glue • Furniture Strippers • Oil or Enamel Based Paint • Stains & Finishes • Paint Thinners & Turpentine • Paint Strippers & Removers • Photographic Chemicals • Fixatives & other Solvents 	<p>Outdoor Lawn & Garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herbicides • Insecticides • Wood Preservatives / Fungicides • Pesticides • Fertilizer • Weed Killers • Driveway Sealer 	<p>Batteries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rechargeable Small Sealed Lead Acid Batteries • Rechargeable Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd) Batteries • Rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) Batteries • Rechargeable Lithium Ion (Li-ion) Batteries • Alkaline / Zinc Carbon Batteries
<p>Other Flammable Products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propane Tanks & Cylinders • Lighter Fluid • Home Heating Oil • Kerosene • Aerosol Cans • Gas / Oil Mixtures • Nail Polish Removers 	<p>Mercury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercury Containing Thermostats • Mercury Thermometers • <p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool/spa chemicals • Light bulbs: fluorescent & incandescent • Metallic mercury 	<p><u>Unacceptable materials:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asbestos Material • Biologically active or infectious • Explosive • Cylinders (excluding 8-lb. grilling tanks) • Radioactive Materials

This information was obtained from the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority. Visit your own local Resource Authority for information that may pertain to your specific area. Be smart! Be responsible!

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