

## REDUCE HAZARDOUS WASTE

Keep hazardous materials out of your home by reading labels for toxicity, buying only the quantities needed, and choosing non-hazardous alternatives such as those listed below.

## SAFE ALTERNATIVES

### Oil-based paint

Use latex or water-based paint

### Ammonia-based cleaner

Sprinkle baking soda on a damp sponge

### Laundry bleach

Use Borax

### Carpet and upholstery cleaner

Sprinkle with baking soda and vacuum

### Disinfectant

Use ½ cup Borax in 1 gallon of water

### Drain Cleaner

Pour 1 cup baking soda down drain followed by ½ cup white vinegar; wait 30 minutes and flush with boiling water

### Furniture and floor polish

Use oil soap and warm water; polish with 1 part lemon juice to 2 parts any oil

### Mouse and rat poisons

Use live traps. Prevent by eliminating food source and sealing entry holes

### Ant poisons

Sprinkle chili powder or talcum powder at places of entry

### Furniture strippers

Use an electric sander or sandpaper

### Window cleaner

Use a solution of 2 Tbs. white vinegar to 1 quart water



## FOR MORE INFORMATION:



**Teton Valley Community Recycling (TVCR)** is a nonprofit advocacy and education organization whose mission is to develop ethical waste reduction solutions that are financially and environmentally sound for our community. Please contact us with any of your waste and recycling questions!

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# HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL



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# WHAT MAKES A PRODUCT HAZARDOUS?

**Hazardous products are those that are toxic, flammable, corrosive, or explosive/reactive.**

**Exposure to them can be harmful to your health, and improper disposal of these products can harm the environment.**

Hazardous Property	Examples
<b>Toxic:</b> can cause injury or death when inhaled, eaten, swallowed, or absorbed through skin	Abrasive cleaners, drain cleaners, ammonia based cleaners, oven cleaners, pool chemicals, lye, toilet cleaners, stain removers
<b>Flammable:</b> can easily ignite and burn rapidly. NOTE: Inflammable means flammable!	Solvents, thinners, turpentine, gasoline, furniture cleaners, oil-based paint
<b>Corrosive:</b> can burn skin on contact and can eat away the surface of other materials	Anti-freeze, coolant, poisons, wood preservatives, varnishes, lacquers, used motor oil and filters, fluorescent lightbulbs, mercury thermometers, pesticides, herbicides
<b>Explosive/Reactive:</b> can react with air, water, or another substance to produce toxic vapors or an explosion	Aerosol cans, automotive products, bleach, gasoline

## HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Teton County, Idaho residents can be reimbursed up to \$150 a year for fees paid to dispose of hazardous waste in Jackson, Wyoming. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open the first and third Tuesday of the month from April through October and is located at 3270 S. Adams Canyon Road. Call (307) 733-7678 to make a reservation (required). Submit receipts to the Teton County Clerk or to the transfer station scale house for reimbursement.

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE PROPERLY?

- Products that are hazardous are harmful to your health. Those still in use should be stored out of reach of children and pets.
- Substances poured in drains and toilets go into the sewage system, eventually impacting fish and wildlife.
- Substances poured onto soil, streets, or into storm drains are washed into our streams, impacting fish and wildlife.
- Hazardous waste that reaches our landfills can leach into soil and pollute groundwater.
- Putting hazardous waste into the garbage threatens sanitation workers.

## WHEN BRINGING HAZARDOUS WASTE FOR DISPOSAL, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

- Call (307) 733-7678 to make an appointment.
- Inventory the items you are bringing in for disposal.
- Travel without kids and pets in the car, if possible.
- Bring substances in their original containers or label them clearly.
- Seal all containers securely.
- Turn off your vehicle when you enter the carport and wait for further instructions. Do not remove your waste. Staff will remove it for you.
- The HHW facility does NOT accept waste in containers larger than five gallons; waste in drums, tanks, or compressed gas cylinders; biological, medical, agricultural, or radioactive waste; ammunition, black powder, explosives, flares, or fireworks; unstable chemicals; latex (water-based) paint.



## AGRICULTURAL WASTE

Farmers can dispose of up to 1,000 pounds of unused pesticides for free, and can recycle clean and empty pesticide and fertilizer containers through the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. For more information, go to [www.agri.idaho.gov](http://www.agri.idaho.gov).

## OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The following materials are toxic and should never be disposed of in a landfill. Recycling them locally is the best disposal option.

- **Batteries** – All batteries can be recycled at the transfer station. Ace Hardware accepts rechargeable batteries and cell phone batteries for recycling.
- **Cell Phones** – Recycle at Silver Star Communications or the transfer station.
- **Electronic waste** – Recycle computers, TVs, printers, printer cartridges, iPods, digital cameras, MP3 players, and other electronic devices at the transfer station.
- **Fluorescent Lightbulbs** – Recycle at Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative. Please double bag them for safety.
- **Used motor oil** – Recycle at the transfer station.

## PAINT

Oil-based paint needs to be disposed of at the household hazardous waste facility. Latex, or water-based paint, can be thrown away in the trash when it is dry or solid. If the directions specify soap and water for clean up, it is water-based.

## Directions for drying:

1. Stir paint.
2. Add one part absorbent (kitty litter, sawdust, etc) to two parts paint and mix well.
3. Let dry 24 hours
4. When it looks like dried cottage cheese, it is safe to throw in the trash. Leave the lid off so sanitation workers can see that the paint is solid.