

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

STORAGE & DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Benton County residents can recycle/properly dispose of household hazardous waste at collection events in the fall and spring. When dates are confirmed, they will be posted online at www.ci.richland.wa.us/hhw. Until then, please see storage and/or disposal options below.

Questions can be directed to Benton County Solid Waste, 736-3084 x5682.

Take select hazardous waste to the following:

Horn Rapids Landfill, 3120 Twin Bridges Rd, Richland, 8am to 4pm Monday - Sunday

- Used motor oil (can also be taken to auto part stores; call first)
- Vehicle batteries (swap when buying new)
- Propane canisters or tanks

- Used cooking oil
- Rechargeable batteries
- Cell phones

Goodwill Collection Trailers

- Computer monitors and hard drives
- Lap top computers
- Television sets

Battery Plus & Home Depot Stores

- CFL light bulbs, rechargeable batteries, and cell phones

Staples, Radio Shack, Office Depot, and/or Lowes

- Rechargeable batteries, cell phones, and printer and ink cartridges

A comprehensive list is available at www.earth911.com

How do I safely use and store household hazardous waste?

- Read and follow the label's safety instructions.
- Keep the product in the original container or clearly label any alternate container.
- Store in a locked cupboard or out of reach of children and animals.
- Store in a dry place, away from heat or flames.
- Do not expose the product to freezing temperatures.
- Be sure lids and caps are tightly sealed.
- DO NOT mix products together.
- DO NOT use product if it is more than 10-years old.
- DO NOT throw in the garbage or pour down the drain.
- If the product is still usable, give it away! Ask a friend or neighbor if they can use it.
- When transporting hazardous waste, tighten lid and place in a sturdy box, in an upright position. If in doubt, line the box with plastic.
- Make sure all containers are 5 gallons or less in size and properly labeled with the contents.

What can I do with unwanted latex paint?

- Solidified latex paint can be placed in the trash. Stir in kitty litter, shredded paper, or paint hardener. Leave uncovered in a safe location until hardened. See www.ci.richland.wa.us/hhw.
- Any paint in good condition can be donated to theater groups or Habitat's Reuse Store. Visit www.habitatbuilds.com.

How do I avoid or reduce the amount of hazardous products I purchase?

Three simple rules will keep household hazardous waste to a minimum:

1. **Purchase in small quantities.** Buy only the amount needed.
2. **Use what you have** or considering sharing it, before purchasing new.
3. **Purchase the least toxic product.** Do your research prior to purchase. Make your own cleaning recipes out of natural ingredients, such as lemon juice, baking soda, vinegar, etc.

For a free cleaning recipe booklet, call 942-7730 or visit www.ci.richland.wa.us/greenliving and link to Natural Cleaning.

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