HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE HOME CHECK LIST

How many hazardous chemicals do you have in your home? Use this checklist to find out. CAUTION: Children SHOULD NOT touch chemicals nor complete this checklist without the supervision of an adult.

CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOME:

ammonia _____
detergents _____
drain cleaners _____
floor wax _____
furniture polish _____
metal polish _____
mothballs _____
oven cleaners _____
septic tank cleaners _____
spot removers _____
window cleaners _____
aerosol sprays _____
nail polish remover _____
toilet bowl cleaners _____
tub & tile cleaners _____
artificial dyes _____
glues & cements _____
household batteries _____
paints & stains _____
photo chemicals _____
pool chemicals _____
stain & varnish removers _____
thermometers _____
turpentine & paint removers _____
varnish _____
wood sealers _____
brake fluid _____
car & truck batteries _____
lighter fluid _____
motor oil _____
transmission fluid _____
fungicides _____
herbicides _____
insect repellents _____
pesticides _____

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO ABOUT THESE PRODUCTS?

1. IDENTIFY THEM: Look for the following words and phrases on labels:

WARNING * CAUTION * DANGER

Flammable, Volatile, Toxic, Corrosive, Caustic, Reactive, Poison, Contains Phosphates, Eye Irritant, Harmful if Swallowed, Do Not Mix, Wear Rubber Gloves.

2. USE UP ENTIRELY: Always Read labels and follow directions carefully. If you can't use a product up, try to find a neighbor, friend or community organization who can.

3. STORE IN A COOL DRY PLACE: Between collection events and trips to the recycling center, keep all hazardous products in original containers with lids fastened securely. Do not mix, combine, or consolidate them.

4. RECYCLE OR TAKE TO COLLECTION SITE: Never throw hazardous products away with regular trash. Motor oil, brake and transmission fluid, antifreeze, and car batteries can be recycled at most service stations.

5. USE ENVIRONMETALLY SAFE PRODUCTS: Use Latex Paints instead of oil based paints. Look for products that say: "Environmentally Safe", "biodegradable", contains no phosphorus", non-toxic", "non-corrosive", "low VOC" (Volatile Organic Compounds that cause paint "fumes.")

6. DON'T LET PRODUCTS GO TO WASTE: Buy only what is needed to do the job. Avoid over-purchasing with the thought that it can be used later.