

What makes a product hazardous?

Products that are hazardous can be:

- ◆ **Flammable/Combustible**– Items that are flammable or combustible can be easily set on fire or ignite easily
- ◆ **Explosive/Reactive**– Items that are explosive or reactive can explode through exposure to heat, sudden shock, pressure or incompatible substances
- ◆ **Corrosive**– Items that are corrosive have chemical action that can burn and destroy living tissues or other materials when brought in contact with that material.
- ◆ **Toxic**– Items that are toxic are poisonous or lethal when ingested, touched, inhaled or absorbed through skin, even in small quantities.

If any of the products in your home have these warning words on the front label, your house contains potentially hazardous materials.

- ⇒ Danger
- ⇒ Explosive
- ⇒ Poison
- ⇒ Flammable
- ⇒ Caution

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Disposal Guide for HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



Brought to you by
McPherson Area
Solid Waste Utility

MASWU Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Facility

1682 Limestone Road, McPherson, KS
THURSDAYS ONLY FROM 9:00AM-3:30PM

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What are Household Hazardous Wastes?

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) are left over products containing ingredients that are flammable, corrosive, reactive or toxic. HHW Materials are potentially dangerous to our health and environment if stored or disposed of improperly.

Hours of Operation

Thursdays 9:00 AM– 3:30 PM

1682 Limestone Rd.
McPherson, KS
(just around the corner from the
Transfer Station)

This facility is open to residents
of McPherson County

HHW Material Accepted

- ◆ Antifreeze
- ◆ Herbicides
- ◆ Pesticides
- ◆ Household cleaners
- ◆ Paint and paint products, spray paint
- ◆ Alkaline and Ni-Cad batteries
- ◆ Fluorescent bulbs
- ◆ Used oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, gasoline

Each participant will be limited to 5 gallons of liquid or 50 pounds of solid household hazardous waste per visit.

Before bringing products to the HHW facility:

- ◆ Empty containers, or containers where the product has dried away may be thrown away in your regular trash
- ◆ Check containers, make sure lids are tight
- ◆ Make sure products are labeled
- ◆ Pack wastes in sturdy containers for transportation, such as a tub or a box
- ◆ Wrap leaking or dirty individual containers in a clean plastic bag and pack each item in a container with absorbent material (such as cat litter) to soak up leaks
- ◆ Transport the materials in your automobile trunk or in the rear of your vehicle or truck.

HHW Disposal Guide

Alternatives to Common Household Waste Items

Personal Care

Recommended Disposal of Household Products

Item	Disposal
Alcohol Based After Shave/Perfume	Small amount down drain with water
Cosmetics	Household Trash
Hair Removers	Small amount down drain with water
Insect Repellent	HHW Facility
Medicines	Dissolve solids in water, pour over kitty litter or sawdust, scoop into opaque container and dispose with household trash
Nail Polish (solidified)	Household Trash
Nail Polish Remover	HHW Facility
Hair Permanent Lotions	Small amount down drain with water
Syringes (sharps)	Place in sealed container and dispose at the Transfer Station

Home Care

Recommended Disposal of Household Products

Item	Disposal
Aerosol Cans	HHW Facility
Aerosol Cans (Empty)	Household Trash
Ammonia (do not mix with Chlorine products)	Small amount down drain with water or HHW Facility
Bleach (do not mix with ammonia products)	Small amount down drain with water or HHW Facility
Deck Sealer	HHW Facility
Metal Polish	HHW Facility
Paint Thinner	HHW Facility
Furniture Stripper	HHW Facility
Detergent, Soaps	Wash down drain with water
Disinfectants	Small amount down drain with water or HHW Facility
Drain Cleaner	Small amount down drain with water or HHW Facility
Driveway/Concrete Cleaner	HHW Facility
Lamp Oil	HHW Facility
Paint (Empty pails or solidified)	Household Trash
Paint (latex, liquid)	Solidify or HHW Facility
Paint (oil-base)	HHW Facility
Rust Removers (phosphoric acid)	HHW Facility
Stains & Finishes	HHW Facility
Toilet Cleaner	Small amount down drain with water or HHW Facility

Miscellaneous

Recommended Disposal of Household Products

Item	Disposal
Ammunition	Police Department
Batteries (dry cell)	HHW Facility
Batteries (household rechargeable)	HHW Facility
Drywall Joint Compound	Household Trash
Fluorescent Tubes and compact Fluorescent Lights	HHW Facility or Household Trash
Lighter Fluid	HHW Facility
Powdered Concrete Mix	Household Trash
Propane Tanks (small, 1 lb. empty)	HHW Facility
Road Flares/Fireworks	Soak overnight in water then dispose with household trash
Shoe Polish	Household Trash
Swimming Pool Chemicals	HHW Facility
Smoke Detectors	Return to Manufacturer

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Household Hazardous Waste Facility
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Located at the old MRCC building
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Lawn & Garden

Recommended Disposal of Household Products

Item	Disposal
Fertilizer	Household Trash
Fertilizer containing Herbicide	HHW Facility
Flea Collar	Household Trash
Insect Repellent	HHW Facility
Fungicide	HHW Facility
Herbicide	HHW Facility
Insecticide	HHW Facility
Rat Poison	HHW Facility
Weed Killer	HHW Facility

Automotive

Recommended Disposal of Household Products

Item	Disposal
Antifreeze	HHW Facility
Battery Acid	HHW Facility
Brake Fluid	HHW Facility
Car Wax with Solvent	HHW Facility
Gasoline	HHW Facility
Kerosene	HHW Facility
Saturated Oil Dry	HHW Facility
Transmission Fluid	HHW Facility
Used Motor Oil	HHW Facility
Windshield Washer Solution	HHW Facility

Air refresher- Find the source of the odor and deal with it. Open windows to ventilate. To scent the air, use herbal bouquets, pure vanilla on a cotton ball, or simmer cinnamon and cloves.

Ants (in house)- Locate entry point and seal with caulk. Remove all sources of food and water. Kill visible ants. Wash countertops, cabinets and floor with equal parts of vinegar and water to deter any infestation. Also, there is an herb called "tansy" that is repulsive to ants. Lay cut branches by windows or at the entry point and they will not come in.

Brass polish- Use paste made from equal parts vinegar, salt and flour. Be sure to rinse completely afterward to prevent corrosion.

Car battery corrosion- Pour baking soda and water or cola over battery posts and scrub with a wire brush.

Chrome polish- Vinegar

Cleaners (general)- Liquid castile soap. Use as directed. Or dissolve 4 tbsp. baking soda in 1qt of warm water.

Coffee cup stain removal- Rub with moist salt or baking soda.

Copper cleaner- Use paste made from equal parts vinegar, salt and flour. Be sure to rinse completely afterward to prevent corrosion.

Decal removal- Soak in hot water if practical; otherwise, use vinegar or coat it with peanut butter and let it soak overnight.

Dishwashing- Washing dishes by hand with liquid soap or mild detergent is preferable to using strong electric dishwashing detergents.

Disinfectant- Was items with soap and water or with borax or washing soda (sodium carbonate) in water. Deodorizes too.

Drain cleaner- Try plunger first. Then pour 1/2 cup baking soda down followed by 1/2 cup vinegar, wait a few minutes and pour it 2 quarts of boiling water. Repeat if needed. If this fails, rent or buy a drain snake.

Fertilizer- Compost and organic fertilizers

Fleas on pets- Vacuum twice a week with agitator vacuum; dispose of vacuum bags in trash. Wash pet bedding. Use flea comb on pets, drowning fleas in soapy water. Restrict pet access to human living areas until infestation is over.

Floor cleaner- 1 cup vinegar plus 2 gallons of water. For unfinished wood floors, add 2 cup linseed oil. To remove wax buildup, scrub in club soda, let soak, and wipe clean.

Garbage disposal deodorizer- Use lemons or baking soda

Hand cleaner for paint/grease- Rub hands with baby oil, vegetable oil or margarine, then wash with soap and water

Insects on plants- Identify insects on plants and select appropriate control; least toxic methods include hand or water

Laundry bleach- Use borax on all clothes or 1/2 cup white vinegar in rinse water to brighten dark clothing. Non-chlorinated bleach also works well.

Linoleum floor polish- Skim milk (it doesn't smell!!)

Mildew remover- A non-chlorinated scouring powder cleans mildew stains from grout. Scrub hard.

Moths in clothes- Thoroughly clean any used clothing or furniture before introducing into home. Wash woollens before storing; store in tight container. Vacuum rugs, behind and under furniture. Shake out woollens periodically.

Oven cleaner- As a preventative measure, cover the open bottom with a sheet of aluminum foil. Clean up spills promptly. To clean, use baking soda, soap and water with a copper scrubber and lots of elbow grease. Or use non-chlorinated scouring powder or non-caustic oven cleaner.

Paint (oil based)- Latex paint; avoid aerosols

Porcelain stain removal- Baking soda.

Refrigerator deodorizer- Open box of baking soda.

Roaches- Remove all sources of food and water. Remove hiding places such as old newspapers, garbage bags and other clutter. Caulk or plug cracks and crevices. Last resort is to use boric acid (a poison). This must be kept away from pets and children.

Rug/carpet cleaner- Sprinkle baking soda, then vacuum.

Scouring powder- Baking soda or non-chlorinated scouring powder.

Silver cleaner- Rub gently with baking soda and damp sponge (large objects). For small objects place in hot pot of water on stove with small piece of aluminum foil; add 1 teaspoon baking soda and 1 teaspoon salt, boil 2-3 minutes.

Slugs and snails- Remove tall grass and debris from vicinity of garden. Use beer traps (replenish frequently) or hand capture in the evening. Sheet copper is most effective barrier.

Stain removal- Depends on type of spill. Treat as quickly as possible and blot as much liquid as you can with paper towel or cloth (don't rub). For most stains, try cold water first, then hot water with a little detergent.

Stainless steel cleaner- Baking soda

Toilet bowl cleaner- Baking soda and castile soap.

Tub and tile cleaner- Use vinegar full strength on sponge, then use baking soda as a scouring powder. Rinse well.

Wine stain removal- Water or rubbing alcohol. Dry

Window cleaner- 1/2 cup vinegar in 1 quart warm water for inside windows. For outside windows, use soap and water; rinse well and dry.