

IF YOU WOULDN'T DRINK IT...DON'T DUMP IT!

Household hazardous waste comes in many forms that we use everyday such as *winter salt, antifreeze, medications, pesticides, electronics, batteries, gasoline, oil and fertilizers* are just a few of the pollutants that can contaminate our local water resources. The **improper disposal of household hazardous waste can contaminate our drinking water resources and soil.** Remember, wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to treat everything.

But, if each of us make a few simple changes in how we store and dispose of our household hazardous waste, it will save us money and help protect our local water.



SO MANY SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT POLLUTION!

Consider using non-toxic cleaners like vinegar or organic cleaners

Inventory all chemicals in your house and on your property (kitchen, bathroom, garage and barn or shed)

Only buy what you know you will use to prevent waste

Take expired chemicals to your local solid waste district instead of putting them in the trashcan

Read labels carefully for proper storage, handling and disposal statements, think of the label as the law

Repair leaks on your car, lawnmower and other equipment

Recycle all types of batteries and used motor oil at your solid waste district or participating store

Don't flush expired medications! Most pharmacies will take them

Soak up leftover paint and spills with sawdust or kitty litter before putting in the trash

Pour cooled cooking fats/oils into the trash can, not down the drain

Keep all yard chemicals and winter salt covered and in dry locations to prevent spills

Make sure your trashcans are leak-free

Never pour, sweep, blow or dump anything down a storm drain
Remember, only clean rain goes down the storm drain!

What you do makes a difference!

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