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- Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to handle certain types of hazardous wastes.
- These dangerous materials can pollute the environment through groundwater, surface water, and air.
- Help protect your environment by knowing how to properly dispose of household hazardous wastes.
- The chart on the reverse side shows the most effective ways to dispose of common hazardous wastes used around the home or garden.
- The information is intended as a general guideline — so be sure to check the manufacturer's label for specific disposal guidelines.
- For more information on the safest way to dispose of the products on the chart, contact the Black Hawk County Solid Waste Management Commission's Waste-Trac at (319) 266-8722 or visit them on the web at www.wastetrac.org.

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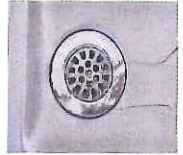


HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Think Before You Dump It



RECYCLE



DRAIN



BIO-HAZARD



GARBAGE



HOW TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

TYPE OF WASTE	Drain	Garbage	Collection	Recycle
Aerosol cans		G		
Aluminum cleaners	D			
Ammonia based cleaners	D			
Ammunition			C	
Antifreeze				R
Bathroom cleaners	D			
Battery acid (or car battery)			C	R
Brake fluid			C	
Bug sprays			C	
Car wax with solvent			C	
Disinfectants	D			
Drain cleaners	D			
Dry cleaning solvents			C	R
Fertilizer		G		
Fiberglass epoxy			C	
Fire alarms (old)			C	
Floor care products			C	
Fuel (all types)			C	R
Fungicide			C	
Furniture polish			C	
Glue (solvent based)			C	
Glue (water based)	D			
Gun cleaning solvents			C	R
Hair color & perm solution	D			
Herbicide			C	
Insecticide			C	
Kerosene			C	R
Lighter fluid			C	
Mercury batteries			C	
Metal polish with solvent			C	
Moth balls			C	
Nail polish		G		
Oil (all non-food types)			C	R
Oven cleaner (lye based)		G		
Paint – auto, model or oil based			C	
Paint – latex		G		
Paint brush cleaner			C	R
Paint stripper			C	
Paint thinner			C	R
Photo chemicals			C	R
Primer			C	
Rat poison			C	
Shoe polish		G		
Swimming pool acid			C	
Transmission fluid			C	R
Turpentine			C	R
Varnish			C	
Weed killer			C	
Window cleaner	D			
Wood preservative			C	

For a more complete listing, please visit the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' website: <http://www.iowadnr.com/waste/hhm/index.html>

D=Down the Drain: Products can be poured down the drain with plenty of water. If you have a septic tank, use caution and read the labels to determine if a product could damage it. **G=In the Garbage:** Products that cannot be poured down the drain but can be safely disposed of in a sanitary landfill. Be sure the material is properly contained before it is put out for collection or carried to the landfill. **C=Special Collection:** Products which should be saved for a community-wide, hazardous waste collection day or taken to a licensed hazardous waste contractor (even the empty containers). **R=Recyclable:** Take products to a special recycling center.