

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDELINES



It is unfortunate that many household products we use for cleaning and maintaining our homes contain toxic and flammable chemicals. Below are a few guidelines for the proper disposal of the common household hazardous materials that you may be leaving behind. For information on how to dispose of household hazardous waste and to find a list of companies that accept hazardous waste, log on to the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services at:

[http://www.opala.org/solid\\_waste/archive/recycling\\_companies.html#listmat](http://www.opala.org/solid_waste/archive/recycling_companies.html#listmat)

## Aerosols

Spray paints and insecticides can be disposed of in the trash can. Place the spray can in a secured plastic bag with absorbent material such as shredded newspaper, old rags, or sawdust to minimize spillage.

## Appliances

Arrange for the appliance dealer to remove your old appliance when they deliver your new one.

## Car Batteries

Give your old auto batteries to the dealer when purchasing new ones. State law requires the dealer to accept and recycle them. Or, click on the link above to find a drop-off location.

## Car Tires

Give your old tires to the dealer when purchasing new ones. State law requires the dealer to accept and recycle them. Or, click on the link above to find a drop-off location.

## Motor Oil, Brake Fluid, Transmission Fluid, Gear Oil, and Antifreeze

Pour liquid into a plastic bag with absorbent material such as shredded newspaper, old rags, sawdust, or kitty litter. Once the liquid is absorbed, seal the bag and discard into the trash can. Oil change boxes are available at the PX, and other retail stores, and provide the same absorbency results.

## Paints

Paints must be dried and can then be disposed of in the trash can. To avoid paint spillage, paints must be dried solid by removing the lid and air-drying the paint

in the can. Intermittent stirring will shorten the drying time. Paints may be placed in a secured plastic bag with absorbent material such as shredded newspaper, old rags, sawdust, or kitty litter to help shorten the drying time.

## Propane Gas Cylinders

Take propane tanks to an off-post retailer such as Airgas Gaspro or a City & County of Honolulu.

### Airgas Gaspro

[www.airgas.com](http://www.airgas.com)

### City Convenience Center

[www.opala.org/solid\\_waste/Drop\\_off\\_Centers\\_for\\_Refuse.html](http://www.opala.org/solid_waste/Drop_off_Centers_for_Refuse.html)

## Other Types of Hazardous Household Products

The general rule of thumb is hazardous household products are disposable at your home provided that you have only a reasonable amount of product waste. A quart or pound of material is reasonable. Follow the disposal guidelines, as improper disposal could injure refuse workers, damage processing equipment, or harm the environment.

## Solid Type of Products

Items such as household batteries, medicine pills, oven cleaner, paint, dried and hardened shoe polish can be disposed of in the trash can. Securely close the container lid to prevent spillage, and then discard. Be sure children cannot access the discarded material.

## Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Proper disposal of household hazardous products requires effort, time, and money. When you start filling your bathroom and garage shelves with cleaning products at your next home, consider non-hazardous alternatives. And, if you really need a hazardous product, be conservative and buy only what you need to get the job done.