



Disposal of Hazardous Household Waste and Electronics

Information for Homeowners

Hazardous Household Waste

To prevent health and environmental risks, hazardous household materials must be disposed of properly if their containers are damaged and the material is exposed. Look for leaking or damaged containers of:

- Solvents.
- Paints.
- Pesticides.
- Fertilizers.
- Oil.
- Drain cleaners.
- Lead-acid batteries.

If you have any materials of concern, take the following steps:

- Place in more secure containers, if possible.
- Label the containers.
- **Do not mix** chemicals or products. (Do not mix latex paint with oil-based paint. You can mix latex paint with other latex paint and oil-based paint with other oil-based paint.)
- Absorb spilled materials with cat litter and place in a plastic bag or durable container.
- Place damaged or wet bags of yard chemicals in plastic bags or other containers.
- Take hazardous household waste materials to a designated collection site.

Electronics

Electronics often contain metals such as lead, cadmium and chromium that can contaminate water and soil. Therefore, electronics must be disposed of properly.

- Check with your local collection site for guidelines specific to your community.

If you have any questions about household waste, call the North Dakota Department of Health at 701.328.5166.