

NO HAZ Communities:

Addison
Brandon
Commerce
Groveland
Lake Angelus
Lake Orion
Leonard
Oakland
Orion
Ortonville
Oxford
Oxford Twp.
Rochester
Rochester Hills
Waterford
White Lake
Wolverine Lake

What is HHW?

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is the unwanted or unusable portion of products that contain substances that can be harmful to human health and the environment.

How can I tell if a product is hazardous?

Look for the words Danger, Warning, or Caution on the product label. "Danger" warnings are found on extremely hazardous products. "Warning" and "Caution" indicate less of a hazard, however, these products should be handled carefully and disposed of with caution. A hazardous product can be toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive or any combination of these.

Toxic -

A poisonous product which can cause illness. Pesticides, paint thinners, auto products and some cleaners are toxic. Look for warning labels like "Harmful or fatal if swallowed".

Flammable -

A product which can catch fire spontaneously or burn easily. Paint thinners, solvents, and auto products are the most flammable home products. Look for warning labels like "Do not use near heat or flame".

Corrosive -

A product which can cause a chemical reaction which will eat through materials or living tissue. Oven cleaners, drain cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners and automotive batteries are common corrosive products. Look for warning labels like "Causes severe burns on contact".

Explosive/Reactive -

A product which can explode or react violently when subjected to heat, sudden shock, pressure or contact with an incompatible substance. Pool/spa chemicals, fireworks and ammunition are the most explosive or reactive products.

Why should I be concerned about HHW?

- Disposing of HHW in the trash can endanger sanitation workers, or contribute to contamination of leaking landfills
- Dumping HHW in storm drains, or into sewer or septic systems, can pollute drinking water sources, lakes and streams
- Improper storage and handling of HHW poses fire hazards or poisoning risks

About the NO HAZ Consortium

Many communities in Oakland County have come together to provide residents a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of HHW. The Consortium's goal is to provide regular, reliable and easily accessible HHW collection services to its residents. Residents of any NO HAZ Member Community may participate in any of the HHW Collection Events. For more information, call the NO HAZ hotline at (248) 858-5656 or visit the website at www.nohaz.com

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