

## What are household hazardous wastes?

Household hazardous wastes are products that are toxic to the environment. They can contaminate water supplies and are common in homes or garages. They should not be placed in the garbage.

Household hazardous wastes include, but are not limited to:

- used motor oil
- automobile batteries
- household rechargeable batteries
- gasoline
- paint, thinners and solvents
- pesticides
- fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent bulbs
- pool chemicals
- cleaning supplies

## What not to bring!!!

- common household *alkaline* batteries can now be thrown away in the trash
- used hypodermic needles and unused medication

## Storage and Packaging for Disposal

- Don't mix different or unknown materials.
- If containers are in poor condition, pack securely in a sturdy box or bucket when transporting. Do not pack in plastic bags.



**Federal law requires businesses to properly dispose of all hazardous waste.**

Businesses qualifying as Conditionally-exempt Small Quantity Generators (SQGs) or hazardous waste generators should contact Polk County's SQG coordinator for disposal information.

## Waste & Recycling Division

North Central Landfill  
10 Environmental Loop S  
Winter Haven, FL 33880  
[www.polk-county.net](http://www.polk-county.net)

**Main Office**  
(863) 284-4319

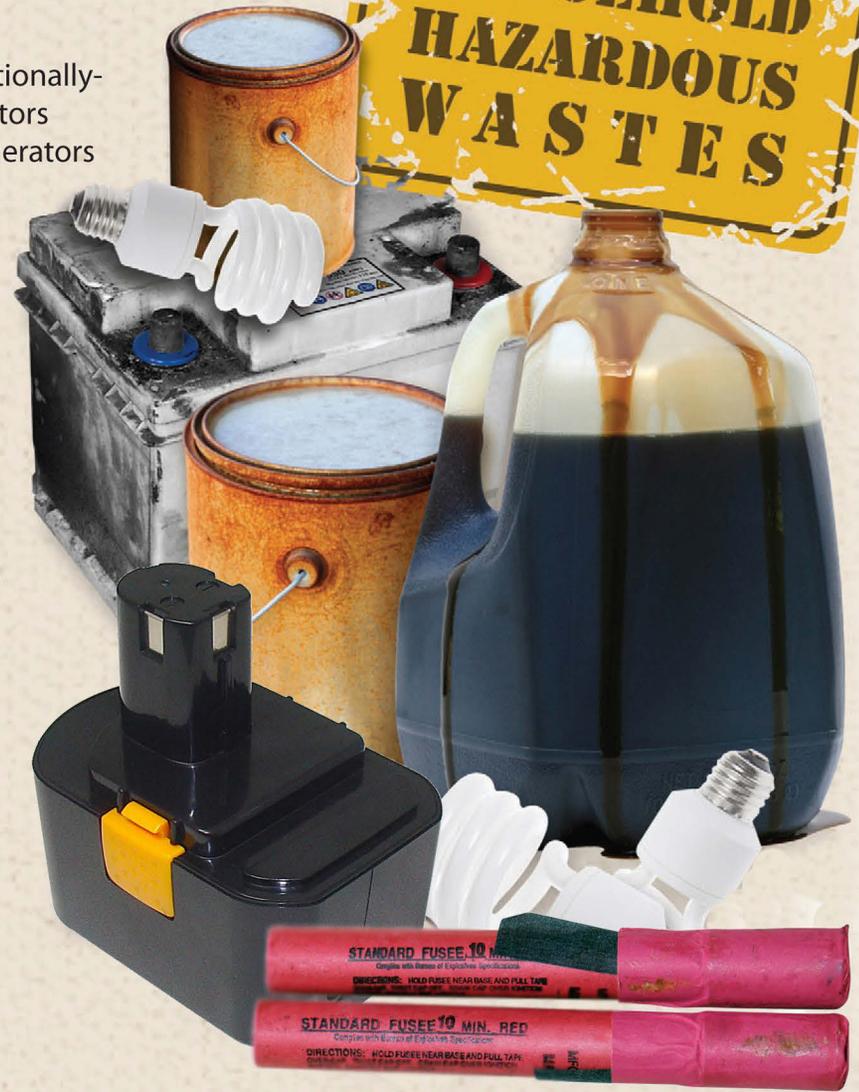
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# MANAGING

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES



## in Polk County



Buy only what you need.

Use hazardous products completely or bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility at:

### North Central Landfill

5 Environmental Loop S  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

### Hours

Monday – Friday (no Wednesday)  
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday :  
7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday and  
major Holidays

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### FUEL & GAS

Containers of fuel or gas up to 5 gallons can be taken to the HHW facility.



### GAS CYLINDERS

Propane and other flammable gases can cause explosions or fires when disposed in the garbage and are accepted by the HHW facility.



### FILTERS, USED OIL & ANTIFREEZE

Motor oil is banned from landfill disposal so it can not be placed in your garbage. Motor oil can contaminate water supplies if improperly disposed. County residents should recycle used motor oil and anti-freeze at the HHW facility.



### PESTICIDES

Use as directed or take to the HHW facility. Empty pesticide containers can be thrown away with your household garbage.



### ELECTRONICS

Residents may drop off obsolete electronics (computers, monitors, printers, televisions, etc.) at the HHW facility. Some businesses that sell electronics also offer recycling programs. Limit five components at a time. No small appliances.



### HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Common household *alkaline* batteries, such as A's, C's and D's, no longer contain mercury and are safe to dispose of with regular garbage. Rechargeable batteries still contain toxins and need to be recycled. Local electronic stores also offer disposal options.



### MERCURY & FLUORESCENT LIGHTS

Fluorescent tubes and CFL's contain small amounts of mercury, which need to be disposed of through the HHW facility. Check with local home improvement stores for additional disposal options.



### FLARES

Marine and roadside flares can cause fires when disposed of in the garbage. Take to the HHW facility.



### PAINT

Take to a HHW drop-off area (Limit to 20 gallons a year). Alternatively, latex paint can be dried out and thrown away with your household garbage.



### SHARPS & MEDICATIONS

**Do not** put hypodermic needles used for illnesses such as diabetes or unused medication in the trash. Please contact the local health department to obtain instructions on proper disposal.



### AUTO & BOAT BATTERIES

Bring old car batteries to the HHW facility or check with local "buy-back" centers for recycling. By law, all stores should accept and recycle old car batteries when a new one is purchased.



### USED COOKING OIL

Used cooking oil can harm septic tanks and clog sewers. It can also be used to make a variety of products including new fuel. Take to the HHW facility.