

Identifying Household Hazardous Products

To help you identify these hazardous products, federal law requires them to be labeled with warnings about their use, storage, and disposal. These labels include signal words to help you quickly identify hazardous products.

The words **“Danger”** (most toxic), **“Warning,” “Poison,”** and **“Caution”** (less toxic) are used to help identify the various degrees of toxicity. These signal words, along with the properties that make the product hazardous, are listed to help you use these products safely. However, these requirements do not apply to many home products and typically do not inform you of long term health hazards. But, when available, these labels provide valuable information that you can use to make informed choices about how to dispose of the product if it becomes a waste.

Your local household hazardous waste collection event

Place:

Date:

Time:

Other info:

For more information on household hazardous waste disposal, please contact:

N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services

(603) 271-2047

hhw@des.nh.gov

or visit the

Household Hazardous Waste Program page
On the NHDES website



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Selling Your Home?

Know how to safely dispose of household hazardous wastes *before* you move.





Selling your home and moving usually means cleaning out many items that you would rather not take with you.

As you dig deeper into closets, the basement, and garage, these items mount up – leftover paint, unused insect spray, gasoline for the lawnmower, pool chemicals, and more!

Also, as a closing condition, you may be required to remove all household hazardous wastes from your home.

Commercial disposal of household hazardous wastes can be extremely expensive. If not removed from your home, the disposal costs may be deducted from the sale price of your home. In addition, your mover is not allowed to transport hazardous chemicals to your new home either.

Here's what to do

- Identify which items are hazardous household wastes.
- Set aside those products that you will use up before you move or will personally transport to your new home.
- Ask the new resident, friends or neighbors if they want any of the remaining products.
- Check with your city or town as to when the next household hazardous waste collection day will be held, and take any remaining waste to the collection.
- Do NOT dispose of any chemicals, petroleum products, or other hazardous wastes by flushing or pouring them down the drain, or onto the ground. It is against the law.
- For more information, contact the N.H. Department of Environmental Services at (603) 271-2047 or hhw@des.nh.gov.



What products are household hazards?

We use hazardous products every day in our homes. These products become a hazard when improper use or disposal will cause a threat to the environment or human health. Many common household products, such as paints, solvents, drain openers, oven cleaners, polishes, waxes, pesticides, cleaning agents and spent automotive products, have hazardous properties. The properties that make these products hazardous are:

- **Flammable:** Easily set on fire or ignited.
- **Corrosive/Caustic:** Burn and destroy living tissue on contact.
- **Explosive/Reactive:** Detonate or explode by exposure to heat, sudden shock or pressure.
- **Toxic/Poison:** Capable of causing injury or death through ingestion, inhalation, or absorption through the skin.

