

How to Get Rid of Household Hazardous Waste

Most of us have some type of household hazardous waste leftover and stored in half bag amounts, and almost empty bottles, cans, or bins from spring painting, cleaning, special projects, and/or gardening projects. These items should not be thrown into the regular garbage pickup as they can be very hazardous to our environment. So what do you do with all of this stuff?

Even though Leon Valley's contracted waste service company is Tiger Sanitation, Bexar County has teamed up with Waste Management to offer a free program for the removal of all of these hazardous waste items. The program, called "At Your Door", is available to qualified residents of suburban cities and unincorporated areas of Bexar County and they will pick up these items at your home.

Below is a partial list of acceptable items:

Household Chemicals

- Ammonia, cleaning compounds, bleach, floor stripper, drain cleaner, rust remover, carpet/upholstery cleaner, tile/shower cleaner, and more

Automotive Products

- Antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, fluids, polish, waxes, vehicle batteries, upholstery cleaners, and more

Consumer Electronics

- Computers, laptops, keyboards, monitors, microwaves, DVD/CD players, CD ROM, fax machines, cell phones, VCRs, desktop printers, scanners, gaming systems, related cords, and more

Paint Products

- Oil-based paint, latex paint, spray paint, artist paint, wood preservative, stain, caulk, sealer and more

Batteries

- Batteries of various sizes: AA, AAA, C, D and rechargeable.

Garden Chemicals

- Herbicide, insect spray/ insecticide, fertilizer, pesticide

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

- Compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) and straight fluorescent tubes

Thermometers and thermostats

- Numerous items that contain mercury

Flammable Items

- Kerosene, gasoline, solvents and more

Syringes and Lancets

- Sharps, syringes, needles and lancets

Swimming Pool Chemicals

- Pool acid, stabilizer, chlorine

For a complete list of acceptable items, program guidelines, and to schedule a FREE home collection, go to www.wmatyourdoor.com, or call 1-800-449-7587. You may also email them at atyourdoor@wm.com.