THE PROBLEM WITH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays, wetlands, and ocean are important to Orange County. However, when household hazardous waste is not disposed of properly, it can seep into our groundwater or wash into our storm drains and flow untreated to our waterways. Once in the water, these pollutants are not only dangerous for our local wildlife but can be harmful to human health.

Learn How to Properly Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste in Orange County

Who is H₂OC?

H₂OC is YOU. H₂OC is also a cooperative stormwater program which includes all 34 cities in Orange County, the County of Orange, and Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD). Clean and healthy beaches, creeks, rivers, bays, wetlands, and ocean are important to Orange County. H₂OC provides resources to residents and businesses to encourage personal action and prevent polluted runoff from entering our waterways.

Join Us

Visit **h2oc.org** to learn more about runoff, water pollution, and how you can be the solution to runoff pollution and protect our water resources.

Contact

📞 **24-hour Pollution Reporting Hotline:**
1-877-89-SPILL (1-877-897-7455)

📱 **24-hour Reporting Website:**
myOCeServices.ocgov.com

For emergencies, dial 911

*Additional HHW services may be available through your city.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE TO PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

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STORMWATER PROGRAM

POLLUTION PREVENTION

Any household product that is flammable, corrosive, toxic, or can explode under certain circumstances is considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW). Though we may not think of things like paint, oil, pesticides, electronics, batteries, or household cleaners as hazardous, their chemical composition makes them a potential danger to our safety and our waterways.

Disposal of HHW down the drain, on the ground, into storm drains, or in the trash is illegal and unsafe. Proper disposal of HHW is actually easy. Simply drop off at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC) for free disposal and recycling. There are four primary* HHWCCs in Orange County:

Anaheim:..................................... 1071 N. Blue Gum St

Huntington Beach: .... 17121 Nichols St

Irvine:... 6411 Oak Canyon

San Juan Capistrano:................ 32250 La Pata Ave

Centers are typically closed on rainy days and major holidays. For more information, call (714) 834-6752, visit oclandfills.com/household-hazardous-waste, or scan the QR code below.

Disposal Tips

✓ Use all of the product and discard the container.

✓ Consider non-toxic alternatives if possible.

✓ Only dispose of HHW at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC).

✓ Keep your waste in its original container. This will ensure that the container being used is safe and accepted by your HHWCC.

✓ Never mix different types of waste as it is potentially dangerous, and will not be accepted by your HHWCC.

✓ Place a lid on your container and ensure that it is intact. Cracked or leaking containers will not be accepted at your HHWCC.

✓ If the original container is not clearly labeled, mark it with the type of waste. For example, for pesticide sprays, write "pesticide."

✓ Place your HHW in a box or tub when transporting it to the HHWCC so it does not spill in your vehicle.

To report illegal dumping of household hazardous waste, call 1-800-69-TOXIC (1-800-698-6942).

Common Household Hazardous Wastes

- Adhesives
- All forms of electronic waste including computers and microwaves
- Automotive products (antifreeze, motor oil, fluids)
- Batteries
- Cleaners
- Drain openers
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent lamps
- Fungicides/wood preservatives
- Grease and rust solvents
- Household cleaning products
- Medical needles and sharps
- Medications
- Mercury-containing lamps
- Mercury (thermometers & thermostats)
- Paint and paint products
- Pesticides
- Pool & spa chemicals
- Propane (camping & BBQ)
- Televisions & monitors (CRTs, flatscreens)
- Wood and metal cleaners and polishes

Some centers also have a "Materials Exchange Program" that lets you take partially used home, garden, and automobile products free of charge.