

About Household Hazardous Waste

WHAT IS HHW?

Many products used in the home for cleaning, painting, beautifying, lubricating and disinfecting the house, yard, workshop and garage contain hazardous ingredients and need to be used and stored safely. When you decide to discard such products, they become household hazardous waste (HHW).

The products from a **single home** may seem insignificant, but when people use similar products and dispose of them improperly the combined effect becomes a major problem.

Improper disposal of HHW includes throwing it in the trash, pouring it on the ground, flushing it down the toilet, sink or drain, or pouring it in the gutter or storm drain.

Did You Know?

Substances poured into household drains and toilets go into the sewage treatment process, eventually impacting fish and wildlife.

Substances poured onto soil or streets or into storm drains are carried to our streams, causing harm to our environment, fish and wildlife.

Hazardous wastes that reach our landfills can leach into the soil and pollute our water.

Throwing HHW into the garbage can threaten sanitation workers, who can be injured or poisoned by acids, fires and explosions.

It is not always easy to tell whether or not a material is hazardous.

Look for these warning words:
POISON, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, VOLATILE, FLAMMABLE, INFLAMMABLE, COMBUSTIBLE, EXPLOSIVE, DANGER, CAUTION, WARNING OR HARMFUL



WHAT MAKES A PRODUCT HAZARDOUS?

Read the label first! All hazardous products exhibit at least one of the following properties:

Toxic: can cause injury or death when inhaled, eaten, swallowed, or absorbed through the skin (e.g. rat poison, pesticides, bleach).

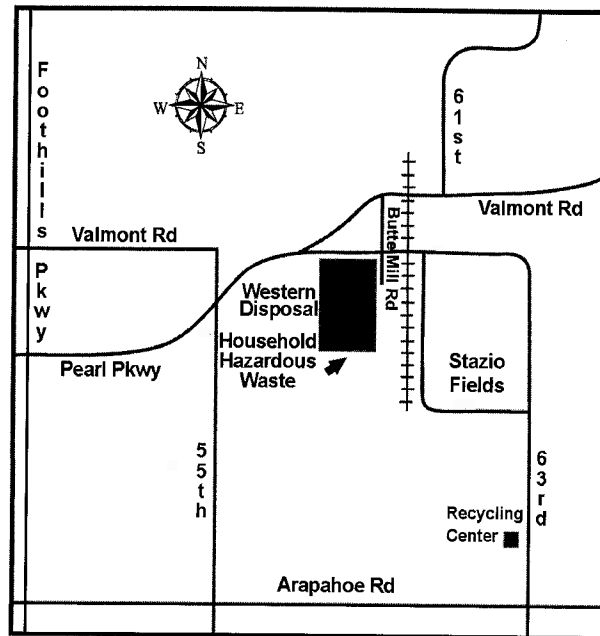
Flammable: can easily ignite and burn rapidly (e.g. lighter fluid, spot and paint removers).

NOTE: INFLAMMABLE means flammable.

Corrosive: can burn skin on contact and can eat away the surface of other materials (e.g. oven and toilet bowl cleaners).

Explosive: can react with air, water or another substance to produce toxic vapors or explosions (e.g. bleach when mixed with ammonia-based cleaners).

HOW TO GET THERE



DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM:

Boulder, Lyons - East on Pearl Parkway. Stay on Pearl. Approximately 1/4 mile past 55th St, at the fork in the road, stay to the right. At the stop sign, turn right (Butte Mill Rd) and you are on Western Disposal property.

Broomfield, Erie, Lafayette, Longmont, Louisville, Superior - West on Arapahoe Rd to 63rd St. North on 63rd to Western Disposal (on your left before you get to Valmont).

At **Western Disposal** proceed past the private road sign. If you have HHW only - do NOT go to the scalehouse. Stay left of the scalehouse and drive straight back. HHW program staff will assist you when you arrive.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Hours of Operation:

Wednesdays: 8 am-3:30 pm

Fridays & Saturdays: 8 am-noon

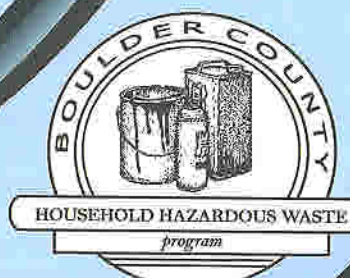
Accepts residential hazardous waste and reusable product giveaway during these hours.

Location: 5880 Butte Mill Rd, Boulder (operated by Boulder County, the facility is on Western Disposal property)

HHW Hotline: 303.441.4800

Program Staff: 720.564.2226 or 720.564.2237

Website: www.bouldercountyrecycles.net



A typical home contains 3 to 8 gallons of hazardous material.

When it is used, stored or disposed of **IMPROPERLY**, HHW poses a threat to our families, pets, neighborhoods and environment.

See inside for **SAFE & FREE** disposal options.