

ABOUT BOULDER COUNTY'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) PROGRAM

HHW Facility

Provides FREE Household Hazardous Waste disposal and a Reuseable Product Giveaway.

Who Served:

Residents of Boulder County, City and County of Broomfield and the Town of Erie. Please bring your driver's license or other proof of residency.

We **CANNOT** accept waste from businesses, non-profit agencies, churches, clubs, etc.

Cost:

FREE to residents. The program is funded by municipalities based on participation by their residents.

Several communities also hold annual one-day HHW collection events; contact your local City/Town Halls for details.

Location:

Boulder County HHW facility
5880 Butte Mill Rd, Boulder (1/2 mile east of 55th St and Pearl Parkway, inside Western Disposal Transfer Station)

Hours of Operation:

Wednesdays: 8 am - 3:30 pm
Fridays & Saturdays: 8 am - 12 noon

Note: the facility is not open on public holidays and may close in extreme weather. Please call 303.818.0721 to check for closures.

FREE Reuseable Product Giveaway:

Reuseable products are available FREE of charge during regular hours of operation.

HOW CAN I SAFELY STORE AND TRANSPORT my HHW?

STORE hazardous products upright, tightly sealed, away from heat and out of the reach of children and pets. Keep in their original containers. If you do have to use a different container, be sure to label it adequately to avoid poisonings, and for safe use and disposal.

TRANSPORT hazardous materials upright in boxes. Be sure lids are on securely. Do NOT mix containers together in bags or garbage cans as lids can come off causing chemicals to mix and possibly creating dangerous reactions. If you do have a container that is leaking, individually bag and seal it, or transfer it to a different container and label it properly.

ACCEPTS

Abrasive cleaners, Aerosol cans, Antifreeze, Batteries- auto & household, Bleach, Brake fluid, Car wax and cleaners, Caulk, Degreasers, Deodorizers, Disinfectants, Floor cleaners/wax, Fluorescent light tubes, Fertilizers, Fungicides, Furniture polish, Fuels (diesel/gas/kerosene), Flea controls, Glue, Insecticides, Laundry products, Mineral spirits, Moth balls, Oven cleaners, Paint (oil & latex), Paint thinners & strippers, Pesticides, Photographic chemicals, Pool/spa chemicals, Propane tanks (camping size ONLY), Resins (fiberglass & epoxy), Rug & upholstery cleaners, Rust removers, Silver cleaners, Soil fumigants, Thermometers and other mercury devices, Toilet & drain cleaners, Transmission fluid, Used or unused motor oil, Varnishes, Weed killers.

For more information visit www.bouldercountyrecycles.net or call 720.564.2220.

DOES NOT ACCEPT

Ammunition and explosives - flares, fireworks
Asbestos insulation that is friable
BBQ propane tanks
Business wastes
Empty containers
Fire extinguishers
Medical wastes
Non-hazardous wastes
Radioactive materials
Smoke detectors

For information on where to take these items visit www.bouldercountyrecycles.net or call 720.564.2220.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT WHEN I VISIT THE HHW FACILITY?

- Follow signs, drive up, turn off engine
- HHW staff will greet you
- Answer a few questions & show proof of residency
- Assist in unloading hazardous waste from your vehicle

LATEX PAINT

(an alternative disposal option for this low-hazard product).

If you have containers with large amounts of latex paint, you can add an absorbent material (e.g. kitty litter or cement) to accelerate the drying process. When dry, leave the lids off and throw out with your regular trash.

EMPTY PAINT CANS

If you have empty and dry paint cans - leave the lids off and recycle the metal cans and lids at your local recycling center.

Plastic paint cans cannot be recycled at this time.

MERCURY

The amount of mercury in a single thermometer is enough to contaminate all the fish in a 20 acre lake.

REDUCE YOUR HHW

Think before you buy! Choose safer alternatives.

Choose water-based products over solvent-based ones.

Avoid aerosols, products containing chlorinated compounds, petroleum distillates, phenols and formaldehyde, and chemical air fresheners, as these products pose inhalation hazards.

Buy only what you need. If you have a leftover product, give it to a neighbor or friend who will use it up according to directions.

In the yard and garden, plant pest and disease-resistant species of plants. Reassess your tolerance of pests and if you must kill them, learn how to target them effectively.

SAFER ALTERNATIVES

Use safer alternatives around the home. For example:

DRAIN CLEANERS: pour 1/4 cup of baking soda down the drain, followed by 1/2 cup vinegar; cover and let sit for 15 minutes then flush with boiling water.

GLASS CLEANERS: use equal parts vinegar and water mixture.

ANT DETERRENT: sprinkle cream of tartar, chili powder, or dried peppermint where they enter the house.

For more information about safer alternatives call the HHW hotline at 303.441.4800 and leave your name and mailing address to receive a booklet of recipes for non-toxic cleaners.

RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES

(including churches, non-profits, etc.)

Businesses are responsible for disposing of hazardous wastes in accordance with state and federal regulations.

CONTACTS:

Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE), 303.692.3300 for information on hazardous waste generator requirements.

Companies providing hazardous waste collection services are listed in the phone book yellow pages under "Waste Disposal - Hazardous" or "Environmental and Ecological Services".

Boulder County Public Health, 303.441.1147 for advice on reducing the use of hazardous chemicals and pollution prevention.

Note: The Boulder County HHW Program plans to extend its services to small businesses in 2004. Call 720.564.2220 for more information.

SAFETY TIPS

- ★ Always follow the directions on the label.
- ★ Ask the dealer or manufacturer to provide more explanation if needed.
- ★ Never use more of the product than is recommended.
- ★ Never mix products; this can lead to explosions or the release of poisonous gases.
- ★ Use hazardous products in well-ventilated areas and always use gloves, eye protection and air-purifying respirators whenever warranted.
- ★ Never eat, drink, or smoke where hazardous products are being used.