

# Keep our drinking water safe

Household hazardous waste poured into drains, toilets, or the ground can harm our drinking water and can be very difficult to clean up. It damages septic systems, which are expensive to repair and replace. Let's protect our community and our drinking water by disposing of these chemicals safely.

## What is household hazardous waste?



Household hazardous waste is any household product that contains harmful substances that threaten human and environmental health when not disposed of properly. Common items include batteries, paint, paint thinner, bug spray, gasoline or diesel fuel, other car fluids like antifreeze, motor oil, drain cleaners, and yard chemicals like fertilizers and pesticides.

## Help protect our community and water

Properly disposing of hazardous waste by following the Do's and Don't's below can protect our drinking water, people, wildlife, and septic systems - keeping water safe for everyone.



## DON'T

- Never flush or pour hazardous waste down the drain or toilet. It can enter our drinking water and damage septic systems.
- Putting items in the garbage may injure sanitation workers.



## DO

- Attend a household hazardous waste collection event or contact your local government drop off locations.
- Store waste up high and out of reach of kids and pets - locked up is best!
- Reduce what you buy and use up what you have.
- Buy safer alternatives when possible.