



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL GUIDE

## Clatsop County HHW Program

Clatsop County is moving forward with the centerpiece of its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program – the development of a permanent collection center for the disposal of toxic, flammable and corrosive items.

The facility, targeted for construction at the Astoria Transfer Station in Astoria, will collect hazardous products such as pesticides and herbicides, paint, cleaning solvents and other materials not suitable for disposal with standard household trash. The facility is expected to open in **April 2016**.

As a result of the project, the county will no longer sponsor the yearly household hazardous waste collection events held each May. Until the new collection facility is operating, residents who need to dispose of hazardous products may find other options listed in the **directory on the following page**.

## What's the hazard?

Many home and yard products contain toxic dangerous elements, and when not completely used up they tend to accumulate in cabinets, garage shelves, or outdoor sheds.

Having unnecessary hazardous materials sitting around exposes our children, pets and the environment needlessly to toxic chemicals. Hazardous wastes should **not** be poured down sinks, storm water drains, tossed in the garbage or dumped on the ground.

The dangers of improper disposal may not be immediately obvious, but this can pollute our waterways, place harmful chemicals in sewage/septic systems which do not remove toxins, and expose waste haulers and fire fighters to haz-

ardous conditions.

Home hazardous wastes require special handling and safe disposal for everyone's protection!

Home hazardous products are solid or liquid



materials that have any of the following properties:

1. *Easily be set on fire or ignited* - Flammable
2. *Detonate or explode by exposure to heat, sud-*

*den shock or pressure* - Explosive

3. *Burn or destroy living tissue* - Corrosive

4. *Cause injury or death by ingestion, inhalation or absorption* - Toxic/Poisonous

5. *Damage or destroy cells and chromosomal material* - Radioactive

### Examples of common hazardous products:

- Cleaners
- Paints, stains, thinners
- Pesticides, herbicides, poisons
- Automotive/boat fluids
- Arts & crafts solvents/thinners
- Compact light bulbs with "Hg" on them
- Rechargeable batteries

## Reduce hazardous waste year-round

- Reduce the amount that may sit in your cupboards by purchasing only what you need.
- Before buying, read the labels so that you can choose to purchase non-toxic products whenever

possible.

- Look into green alternative products and give them a try. Most work as well as toxic chemicals and are much safer.
- When storing your hazardous products put

them in a safe place away from children and pets, and keep them in their original containers.

- Share unused product with a neighbor or friend to get rid of it all.

<b>Products</b>	<b>Where to Dispose</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES</b>		
- Car/truck vehicle batteries	Astoria Transfer Station; O'Reilly Auto; AutoZone; Home Depot	No
- Marine batteries	HHW Collection Facility*	No
<b>AUTO TIRES</b>	Astoria Transfer Station	Yes
<b>MOTOR OIL</b>		
- Used oil (not mixed or contaminated)	Astoria Transfer Station; O'Reilly Auto; AutoZone	No
- Contaminated oil	HHW Collection Facility*	No
<b>ANTIFREEZE</b>	HHW Collection Facility*	No
<b>TRANSMISSION, BRAKE, POWER-STEERING &amp; HYDRAULIC FLUIDS</b>	O'Reilly Auto; AutoZone	
<b>LIGHT BULBS</b>		
- Compact Fluorescent (CFL)	Home Depot	No
- Fluorescent tubes & ballast	HHW Collection Facility*	No
<b>HOME THERMOSTATS &amp; MERCURY THERMOMETERS</b>	HHW Collection Facility*	No
<b>BATTERIES</b>		
- Rechargeable; cell phone	Home Depot; Radio Shack	No
- Rechargeable – NiCad	Radio Shack; Staples	No
- Alkaline	Home garbage (small amounts)	
- Non-automotive lead acid	HHW Collection Facility*	No
<b>PAINTS, STAINS, LACQUERS, VARNISHES, SEALERS, DECK COATING, WATER-PROOFERS, ETC.</b>	City Lumber; Sherwin Williams See more at <a href="http://www.paintcare.org">www.paintcare.org</a>	No
<b>SMOKE DETECTORS w/radioactive material</b>	Contact purchase company for possible return	
<b>MEDICATIONS</b>	Call local Police Department for drop box info	No
<b>MEDICAL SHARPS</b>	Disposal service through Recology	Yes
<b>HOME ELECTRONICS – Computers, TVs, DVDs, monitors, cell phones, etc</b>	Astoria Transfer Station	No
<b>PROPANE CANISTERS – Small camp-style</b>		
- Empty	Home garbage	
- Partially full	HHW Collection Facility*	No
<b>PROPANE CANISTERS – Large BBQ-size</b>	HHW Collection Facility*	No

*\*Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility scheduled to open in **Spring 2016***

<b>Disposal/Collection locations</b>		
Astoria Transfer Station	1790 Williamsport Rd., Astoria	(503) 861-0578
O'Reilly Auto Parts	1649 SE Ensign Lane, Warrenton	(503) 861-5426
AutoZone	1470 SE Discovery Lane, Warrenton	(503) 861-4317
Home Depot	1650 SE Ensign Lane, Warrenton	(503) 861-9999
City Lumber	2142 Commercial St., Astoria	(503) 325-4511
Sherwin Williams	3527 Highway 101 N., Gearhart	(503) 738-6751
Radio Shack	21 North Highway 101, Warrenton	(503) 861-0903
Staples	1629 SE Ensign Lane, Warrenton	(503) 861-7529