

## Why is it important to dispose of HHW properly?



- Substances poured into household drains and toilets go into the sewage treatment process, eventually impacting fish, wildlife, and the environment.
- Substances poured onto the soil, streets, or into storm drains are carried to creeks, causing harm to waterways and wildlife.
- Hazardous wastes that reach the landfill can leach into soil and pollute groundwater.
- Throwing hazardous waste into the garbage can contaminate entire loads of trash and threaten sanitation workers, who can be injured by acids, fires, and explosions.

### How to Dispose of Latex/Water Based Paint:



Check your label. If it is a water based paint, it may say latex, acrylic, or water based.

Another way to tell if your paint is water-based is if the directions specify soap and water clean-up. Once a water based paint dries, it may be taken to the Trash Transfer Station as trash.

#### Directions for drying:

1. Remove paint can lid. Stir paint well.
2. Add one part absorbent (kitty litter, floor dry, bentonite) to two parts paint and mix well, to a thick oatmeal-like consistency.
3. Leave lid off to let dry.
4. Paint will be solid and dry in about 24 hours.
5. Deliver dried material to the Trash Transfer Station or leave lid off for your trash hauler to verify that it is dry.



### Options to Minimize the Use of HHW:

- Buy no more than you need.
- Choose water-based paints.
- Learn to read labels for toxicity.
- Avoid pesticides.
- Switch to earth-friendly cleaning products. Use up what you have first, then switch to greener products.
- Use your products for their intended purpose to avoid having to bring them to the HHW facility.



### Safe Alternatives:

- Drain Cleaner: Pour 1/4 cup baking soda down the drain, followed by 1/2 cup vinegar; cover and let sit for 15 minutes then flush with boiling water.
- Glass Cleaner: Use equal parts vinegar and water mixture.
- Ant Deterrent: Sprinkle cream of tartar, chili powder, or dried peppermint where they enter the house.
- All Purpose Cleaner: Sprinkle baking soda on surface, mist with vinegar/ water mixture, wipe clean.
- Weed Deterrent: Vinegar, salt, and natural soaps. These safer alternatives cause foliage tissue breakdown and inhibit water absorption.

# Household Hazardous Waste Collection



Teton County Solid Waste and Recycling 3270 S. Adams Canyon Road

(307) 733-7678

[tetoncountywy.gov/recycle](http://tetoncountywy.gov/recycle)



## Collection is **by appointment ONLY.**

Visit our website at [tetoncountywy.gov/recycle](http://tetoncountywy.gov/recycle) or call (307) 733-7678 to make an appointment to dispose of your hazardous materials.



The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility is open the **first and third Wednesday** of the month, from **April through October**. Extended hours, additional dates, and available Saturdays are included.

### 2023 Collection Dates

April 5	July 19
April 19	August 2
May 3	August 16
May 17	September 6
June 7	September 20
June 21	October 4
July 5	October 18



The HHW facility is located in the brown building to the south of the Recycling Center at 3270 S. Adams Canyon Road.



Hazardous Waste disposal is costly for Teton County. Thanks to the support of generous grants from the Brinson Foundation, the Teton Conservation District, and Teton County Weed and Pest we are able to subsidize fees by 33%.



We ask businesses to pay the reduced fee and residents to contribute what they can afford to help offset disposal costs.

## Guidelines for your appointment:



Make an appointment in advance.

1. Take an inventory of your materials.
2. Bring all substances in their original containers or label them if the original container is not available.
3. Make sure all containers are securely sealed.
4. Turn off your vehicle when you enter the carport at the facility.
5. No cell phone use.
6. Upon arrival at the facility, remain in your vehicle. Do not unload your waste. Trained staff will do it for you.

### Common Household Hazardous Wastes:



- Antifreeze
- Aerosols
- Abrasive Cleaners
- Ammonia-based Cleaners
- Automotive Products
- Automotive Batteries
- Caulk
- Chlorine Bleach
- Drain Openers
- Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes
- Furniture Polish
- Gasoline
- Glues/Silicone Sealants
- Mercury Thermometers
- Oil-based Paint
- Oven Cleaner
- Pesticides & Herbicides
- Photo Chemicals
- Poisons
- Pool/Spa Chemicals
- Solvents/Thinner/Turpentine

## The HHW Facility **DOES NOT ACCEPT:**



- Latex Paint (please see disposal instructions on reverse)
- Waste in drums or compressed gas cylinders
- Waste in any container larger than five gallons
- Biological, agricultural, or radioactive waste
- Asbestos
- Contaminated Soils
- Ammunition, black powder, explosives, flares or fireworks
- Unstable chemicals
- Used Motor Oil & Fillers
- Wood Stains/ Varnish/ Lacquer
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Medical Waste (please contact Public Health)
- Stain/ Spot Removers

## What makes a product hazardous?

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

- Toxic- can cause injury or death when inhaled, eaten, swallowed, or absorbed through the skin.
- Flammable- Can easily ignite and burn rapidly. Note: Inflammable means flammable.
- Corrosive- Can burn skin on contact and can eat away the surface of other materials.
- Reactive- Can react with air, water, or another substance to produce toxic vapors or an explosion.