

Hazardous Waste - Less Toxic Option and Safe Disposal

Hazardous Product	Hazardous Component	Less Toxic Option	Proper Disposal
Stains/Finishes	Glycols, ethers, ketones, minerals spirits, toluene, xylene, other volatile organic compounds	Water-based finishes	Store in screw top container. Save for household hazardous waste collection.
Oil-Based Paints	Alcohol, acetone, esters, ketones, petroleum distillates, other volatile compounds	Use water-based paints*	Share leftovers with friends or neighbors; save for household hazardous waste collection.
Used Oil	Hydrocarbon, heavy metals	none; use recycled oil	Can be recycled. Contact oil collection center or service station; save for household hazardous waste collection.
Bleach Cleaners	Lye, hydrogen peroxide, sodium or calcium hypochlorite	Baking soda or borax	In well-ventilated area, use up as intended. Never mix with ammonia.
Ammonia-Based Cleaners	Ammonia, ethanol	White vinegar, lemon juice	In well-ventilated area, use up as intended. Never mix with chlorine bleach.
Drain Opener	Lye, sodium hypochlorite	Prevent blockage with biological clog preventers; remove clogs with plunger or plumber's "snake"	Save for household hazardous waste collection.
Oven Cleaner	Lye, ammonia	Catch drips with foil or cookie sheets; for cleaning use baking soda, water, scouring pad	In well-ventilated area, use up as intended. Save for household hazardous waste collection.
Pesticides	Almost all pesticides are hazardous. Call US EPA for a list of banned pesticides	Remove food source, use traps and baits, or biological controls	Save for household hazardous waste collection.
Paint Thinners	Alcohol, acetone, esters, ketones, petroleum distillates, other volatile organic compounds	Water in water based paints	Store in screw top container, allow paint solids to settle to bottom & pour off clear thinner to use again. Save remainder for household hazardous waste collection.
*Water-based, Latex paints	Not considered hazardous		Share leftovers with friends or neighbors; add kitty litter or saw dust to left over and allow the paint can to dry out before throwing in the trash. Can be brought to household hazardous waste collection.