

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Program

Many everyday products contain chemicals that are potentially hazardous to our health and the environment. It is our responsibility to properly use, store, and dispose of hazardous items. Make sure to:

- Carefully read labels and follow directions.
- Do not mix chemical substances – even similar products.
- Use only in well-ventilated areas.
- Secure lids tightly; Store in a dry, cool place away from heat, children & pets.
- Properly dispose of hazardous waste.

Eligible Participants:

City of Alexandria Residents ONLY
Businesses - visit web site for more information

Acceptable materials:

- Gasoline, Antifreeze & Motor Oil
- Battery Acid & Car Batteries
- Oil-Based & Spray Can Paint
- Flammable Caulks & Adhesives
- Lacquers, Varnishes & Thinners
- Mineral Spirits
- Fire Extinguishers
- Household/Auto Cleaning Products
- Flammable Waxes & Abrasives
- Photographic Chemicals & Products
- Lawn Care & Garden Products
- Rodent, Insect & Ant Repellent Products
- Mercury & Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Unacceptable materials:

Explosives, Ammunition, Biological Waste, Radioactive Materials, Unlabeled or Unknown Substances

Acceptable Electronic Items

- Cell phones, Blackberries & PDA's
- Calculators
- CD-ROM/DVD drives
- Memory & Circuit boards
- Computers (PC's)/Laptops/Notebooks
- Monitors (LCD & CRT)
- All computer peripherals: Keyboards, Mice, Cables & external Drives.
- Fax Machines & Modems
- Digital Cameras
- All rechargeable and button Batteries (Alkaline batteries can be disposed of as trash in curbside collection)
- Desktop printers (laser & ink jet) & their cartridges.
- Desktop scanners & copiers
- Stereos and speakers
- Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS)
- Video & Audio Equipment
- Wire/cables/extension cords
- TV's (CRT, LCD, Plasma, Rear Proj.)
- Storage Media and their cases: (DVDs, CDs, VHS, ZIP, floppy disks, etc.)
- Small kitchen appliances & microwaves
- Refrigerators and Freezers
- A/C units, Dehumidifiers or other items containing refrigerant



Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Program



3224 Colvin Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Hours of Operation
Monday & Saturday (Except holidays)
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



T&ES - Solid Waste Division
(703) 746-4410
alexandriava.gov/recycling

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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.