

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) PROGRAM

WHAT IS HAZARDOUS IN MY HOUSEHOLD?

Many products you use in your yard and home contain chemicals that can harm people, fish and wildlife is used or disposed of improperly. The Columbia County HHW Program was set up to properly dispose or recycle of household hazardous waste. The HHW Program accepts nearly all household items that contain one or more of the following 'key words' on the label:

- Warning
- Caution
- Poison
- Dangerous
- Toxic
- Flammable
- Combustible
- Ignitable
- Corrosive
- Oxidizer

Please Note:

The following items are not accepted at HHW events. They accepted for free during regular Transfer Station business hours, Monday -Saturday, 8am to 5pm.

- Latex or acrylic paint, oil based paint, stains, primers, sealers, and clear coatings (such as shellac and varnish) . These items can be dropped off at the Transfer Station during regular business hours. For more information on products that may be dropped off and additional drop off locations go to www.paintcare.org
- Medical sharps. Medical sharps in approved containers may be dropped off for free at the Transfer Station during regular business hours. Approved containers may be purchased at the Transfer Station scalehouse, Walmart and most local pharmacies.
- Used motor oil.
- The HHW Program cannot accept unwanted/unused medicines/pharmaceuticals.
- **THE HHW PROGRAM DOES NOT ACCEPT GENERAL GARBAGE/TRASH NOR EMPTY CONTAINERS.**

WHERE DO I TAKE MY HHW?

The Columbia County Transfer Station's HHW Building is open for scheduled HHW Events for residential customers to drop off hazardous waste.

The following is the HHW Event schedule for 2015:

- **Saturday, February 28th, Columbia County Transfer Station, St Helens from 8am to Noon**
- **Saturday, April 11th, Vernonia Lake Park, Vernonia from 8 AM to Noon.**
- **Saturday, June 27th, Columbia County Transfer Station, St Helens from 8am to Noon**
- **NEW Saturday, August 15th, Rainier Sewage Treatment Plant, Rainier from 8am to 12 Noon**
- **Saturday, October 3d, Clatskanie City Park, Clatskanie, 8am to Noon**
- **Saturday, October 31st, Columbia County Transfer Station, St Helens from 8am to Noon**

HOW DO I TRANSPORT MY HHW?

It is preferable that HHW items are brought in their original containers. Empty containers are garbage. Please place items into a cardboard/plastic box so the container(s) can be clearly seen. Please do not put items into a black trash bag. Secure your HHW items in the rear of your vehicle (truck bed, hatchback, trunk, etc.) as it eases the removal of the HHW from your vehicle.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Conditionally Exempt Generators (CEG's/CESQG) are businesses that do not generate more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste each month. Hazardous waste from CEGs cannot be dropped off at HHW events since these events are for hazardous waste from households only. CEGs may call Graham Gadzia of Cleanharbors, the County's HHW contractor at 253-639-4240 to make an appointment to drop off commercial hazardous waste. CEGs can also bring commercial hazardous waste to the Metro Central Transfer Station in NW Portland. Call ahead for information at 503-223-8133.

HHW PRODUCTS ACCEPTED FOR FREE DURING HHW COLLECTION EVENTS:

- Propane tanks
- Poisons
- Small Arms Ammunition
- Fertilizers
- Pesticides
- Gasoline/Diesel
- Fluorescent lights
- Light Ballasts
- Art/Hobby Chemicals
- Solvents/Thinners
- Pool/Spa Chemicals
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Aerosol Products
- Herbicides
- Items containing Mercury
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Cleaners/Disinfectants

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