



Household hazardous waste Disposal guide

The Blue Earth County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility will accept these items at no charge:

		
<p>Household Items</p>	<p>Garage Materials</p>	<p>Lawn and Garden</p>
<p>Aerosol Cans Aluminum Cleaners Ammonia-Based Cleaners Button Batteries Degreasers Dry Cleaning Solvents Floor-Care Products Fluorescent Light Bulbs Furniture Polishes Household Cleaners Gun Cleaning Solvents Lighter Fluid Metal Polish with Solvents Moth Balls Oven Cleaners Photographic Chemicals Rechargeable Batteries – all types Thermometers (mercury) Thermostats Window Cleaners</p>	<p>Adhesives Antifreeze Battery Acids Car Waxes Diesel Fuel Fuel Oils Gasoline Kerosene Motor Oil Oil Filters Roofing Tars Solvents Transmission Fluid Vehicle Batteries</p>	<p>Bug/Insect Sprays Charcoal Lighter Fluid Fertilizer Rodent Bait/Poison Swimming Pool Acids Weed Killer</p>  <p>Home Improvement</p> <p>Caulking Compounds Glues and Epoxies Mineral Spirits Paints/Stains Paint Thinners Turpentine Wood Preservatives</p>

Don't throw this stuff in the trash!



Household hazardous wastes and problem materials can harm human health and the environment if they are not properly treated, stored, transported and disposed of. By collecting and managing hazardous materials, the county avoids the environmental and health issues associated with them.

Reading the labels on products can help identify some potentially harmful substances. Check for words such as 'Caution,' 'Warning,' or 'Danger.'" Also, anything labeled 'caustic/corrosive,' 'reactive,' 'flammable,' or 'toxic/poisonous' indicates a product is a household hazardous waste.

UNACCEPTABLE Wastes

The Blue Earth County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility will NOT accept these items:

- Unknown or unidentifiable products
- Explosives
- Medical Waste
- Radioactive Materials
- Unknown Wastes
- Business, Agricultural, Institutional and Commercial Wastes

Who may Use the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility?

Residents of Blue Earth, Nicollet, Le Sueur and Sibley counties may use the Facility to dispose of hazardous wastes from their homes. The Facility operates with a permit granted by the State of Minnesota. This permit does not allow business waste of any kind to be accepted into this program.

Product Reuse Center

The Product Reuse Center is located at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, and is open the same hours as the Facility. Good, useable products that are brought to the Facility are screened, and put on the shelves in the Product Reuse Center. These materials are available free of charge for anyone visiting the Product Reuse Center on a first-come, first-serve basis. Materials cannot be saved or reserved. Products available change depending on what is brought to the Facility, so check in often!

Stop treating us like garbage!



Business Waste

Some types and quantities of waste may be accepted through the Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program for a small fee. Call Al Christianson with Tri-County Solid Waste for more information at (507) 237-4321.

Location

The Blue Earth County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 651 Summit Avenue in Mankato. For hours of operation, please visit Blue Earth County's Environmental Services [website](#)

Before you buy hazardous products, ask yourself:

- Do I really need this product?
- Is there a safer alternative?
- Am I buying more than I need?
- Can I safely store this product at home?
- Is this product available in a non-aerosol form?