



Managing your Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes items like oil-based paints, solvents, automotive fluids, batteries, garden chemicals, and other materials that pose hazards to the environment, solid waste workers and the public. Proper disposal is necessary to prevent injury, illness, and environmental contamination. The physical characteristics that make waste hazardous are:

a) Ignitable – Wastes that can easily burn. Examples are gasoline, hand sanitizers, aerosol cans, turpentine, acetone and alcohols.



b) Corrosive – Wastes that can irritate the skin. Examples are bleach, ammonia, sodium hydroxide, drain cleaners, and hydrogen peroxide.



c) Reactive – Wastes that can generate heat or explode. Examples include chlorine, fertilizer or grenades.



d) Toxic – Wastes that are poisonous. Examples include herbicides, insecticides, batteries, paint and used oil.

Where can I take my HHW?

To dispose of household hazardous waste safely, contact the municipal, county, solid waste authority, or tribal government program in your community. One resource for finding an HHW facility in New Mexico is use this website: <https://recyclenewmexico.com>

Residents of the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County may bring household hazardous wastes to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC) at no charge. The HHWCC is operated by: Safety-Kleen, located at 2720 Girard NE Albuquerque, NM 87107. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Safety-Kleen can be contacted at 1-505-884-2277. The City of Albuquerque Hazardous Waste website provides guidance on accepted and prohibited items: <https://www.cabq.gov/solidwaste/hazardous-waste>

If you have questions related to used oil or hazardous waste, please call the New Mexico Environment Department's Hazardous Waste Bureau at 505-476-6000.