

Household Hazardous Waste 101

Many everyday products we use to clean, paint, or take care of our homes, yards and garages are considered household hazardous waste (HHW). If these items aren't disposed of properly, they can harm our air, water, soil and even local food sources.

What do I do with HHW?

Disposing of HHW in the trash is not allowed. Carlsbad residents can take advantage of safe, convenient ways to dispose of HHW the right way at these locations:

- The Palomar Transfer Station at 5960 El Camino Real accepts many HHW items Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Some materials can be dropped off at the HHW Collection Facility in Vista at 1145 E. Taylor St. on Saturdays only, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Safely dispose of household hazardous waste	Free drop-off at Palomar Transfer Station	Schedule pickup for \$10 (free for those 65 years old and older)*	Other free disposal options
 Household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt)	✓	✓	Place in zipper bag on top of the blue cart on collection day, or drop off at Cole or Dove Library
 Lithium batteries	✗	✓	Drop off at HHW Collection Facility in Vista
 Electronic waste	✓	✗	Call 760.332.6464 to schedule free pickup with Republic Services
 LED light bulbs	✓	✗	Drop off at select local hardware stores
 CFL light bulbs	✗	✓	Drop off at HHW Collection Facility in Vista
 Incandescent/halogen light bulbs	✗	✗	Place in landfill cart
 Paint	✓	✓	Drop off at participating PaintCare locations
 Sharps	✓	✗	Call 760.332.6464 to order a mail-back kit from Republic Services for a fee
 Pharmaceuticals	✗	✓	Drop off at Carlsbad Police & Fire Headquarters or HHW Collection Facility in Vista
 Used Motor Oil	✓	✗	Pick up a recycling kit at Palomar Transfer Station
 Used Cooking Oil	✓	✗	Pick up a recycling kit at Palomar Transfer Station

* Call **800.714.1195** to schedule a pickup appointment for \$10 (free for 65+)



How can I reduce or reuse HHW?

The best way to manage HHW is to create less of it in the first place. While eliminating it completely may not be realistic, these simple strategies can help reduce the amount you generate.

Did you know? HHW can be found in your:



Home



Garage



Garden Area

Reduce at the source

Buy only what you need: Plan your cleaning or maintenance projects carefully to avoid over-purchasing.

Choose safer alternatives: Look for eco-friendly products, or make your own.

Use concentrates: Dilute at home to reduce packaging and waste.

Go reusable: Swap disposables for items like microfiber cloths and refillable containers.

Maximize what you buy

Use it up: Finish products before buying more.

Share extras: Offer leftover paint or supplies to friends or neighbors before they expire.

Repurpose: Find creative ways to use leftover products.

Store and dispose safely

Store safely: Keep HHW in original containers with labels intact in a cool, dry and well-ventilated space, out of reach of children and pets.

Use local HHW programs: Carlsbad offers collection programs and drop-off facilities, which are the safest ways to dispose of leftover hazardous materials.

Visit RepublicServices.com/CarlsbadCA to find out how to dispose of other hazardous waste, like pesticides, cleaners and more.



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