

Do your part to prevent water pollution in our creeks, rivers, bays and ocean.



Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and ocean are important to Orange County. However, not properly disposing of household hazardous waste can lead to water pollution. Batteries, electronics, paint, oil, gardening chemicals, cleaners and other hazardous materials cannot be thrown in the trash. They also must never be poured or thrown into yards, sidewalks, driveways, gutters or streets. Rain or other water could wash the materials into the storm drain and eventually into our waterways and the ocean. In addition, hazardous waste must not be poured in the sanitary sewers (sinks and toilets).

***NEVER DISPOSE
OF HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS
WASTE IN THE
TRASH, STREET,
GUTTER,
STORM DRAIN
OR SEWER.***

For more information,
please call the
Orange County Stormwater Program
at **(714) 567-6363**
or visit
www.ocwatersheds.com

**To Report Illegal Dumping of
Household Hazardous Waste
call 1-800-69-TOXIC**

To report a spill,
call the
**Orange County 24-Hour
Water Pollution Problem
Reporting Hotline**
(714) 567-6363.

For emergencies, dial 911.



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Help Prevent Ocean Pollution:

Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste



**The Ocean Begins at
Your Front Door**



ORANGE COUNTY

Pollution Prevention

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be “household hazardous waste” or “HHW.” HHW can be found throughout your home, including the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and garage.

*WHEN POSSIBLE,
USE
NON-HAZARDOUS
OR
LESS-HAZARDOUS
PRODUCTS.*

Disposal of HHW down the drain, on the ground, into storm drains, or in the trash is illegal and unsafe.

Proper disposal of HHW is actually easy. Simply drop them off at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC) for free disposal and recycling. Many materials including anti-freeze, latex-based paint, motor oil and batteries can be recycled. Some centers have a “Stop & Swap” program that lets you take partially used home, garden, and automobile products free of charge. There are four HHWCCs in Orange County:

Anaheim:.....1071 N. Blue Gum St
Huntington Beach: 17121 Nichols St
Irvine:..... 6411 Oak Canyon
San Juan Capistrano:... 32250 La Pata Ave

Centers are open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Centers are closed on rainy days and major holidays. For more information, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com.

Common household hazardous wastes

- Batteries
- Paint and paint products
- Adhesives
- Drain openers
- Household cleaning products
- Wood and metal cleaners and polishes
- Pesticides
- Fungicides/wood preservatives
- Automotive products (antifreeze, motor oil, fluids)
- Grease and rust solvents
- Fluorescent lamps
- Mercury (thermometers & thermostats)
- All forms of electronic waste including computers and microwaves
- Pool & spa chemicals
- Cleaners
- Medications
- Propane (camping & BBQ)
- Mercury-containing lamps

- Television & monitors (CRTs, flatscreens)

Tips for household hazardous waste

- Never dispose of HHW in the trash, street, gutter, storm drain or sewer.
- Keep these materials in closed, labeled containers and store materials indoors or under a cover.
- When possible, use non-hazardous products.
- Reuse products whenever possible or share with family and friends.
- Purchase only as much of a product as you’ll need. Empty containers may be disposed of in the trash.
- HHW can be harmful to humans, pets and the environment. Report emergencies to 911.

