

## **Household Hazardous Waste**

Did you know some products in your home may contain hazardous materials? Items such as paints, cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and batteries may contain toxic ingredients or have the potential to catch fire, react, or explode and may contaminate the environment or threaten human health if thrown in the trash. These products are considered household hazardous waste.

Household hazardous waste facilities provide an environmentally safe place to dispose of unwanted or leftover contents of household hazardous waste. Facilities may also operate a “swap shop” for residents to take home products others have dropped off that can still be used for their intended purpose.

Several communities throughout Oklahoma have household hazardous waste facilities or collection programs. Find your nearest disposal opportunity on our website and check for items they do or do not accept, their rules for disposal, and tips to reduce your impact. Services may be free with proof of residency such as a water bill in the facility's respective city.

-Improper disposal can affect streams, lakes, wildlife, and our drinking water.

-Americans generate 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste per year (source: EPA)

- keep items in their original containers and do not mix

-Even empty containers of HHW can pose hazards because of the residual chemicals that might remain so handle them with care.

-Many communities host periodic collection events

### HHW Facilities\*

#### Norman HHW Collection Facility

<https://www.normanok.gov/your-government/departments/utilities/household-hazardous-waste-information>

#### OKC HHW Collection Facility

<https://www.okc.gov/departments/public-works/household-hazardous-waste-collection-center>

#### Tulsa HHW Collection Facility

<https://www.cityoftulsa.org/resourcerecovery>

#### Midwest City Household Pollutant Collection Facility

<https://www.midwestcityok.org/publicworks/page/household-hazardous-waste>

\*All of the listed facilities are free with proof of residency and accept items from surrounding communities for a small fee

\*Facilities may require an appointment