

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Guide

The Department of Environmental Resources' Recycling Section is pleased to provide you with this guide to assist in the reduction of household hazardous waste materials and electronic equipment through proper disposal, recycling and source reduction initiatives.

Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste Materials

- ◆ Poisons
- ◆ Cooking oil
- ◆ Fire extinguishers
- ◆ Gas grill propane tanks
- ◆ Cleaning agents
- ◆ Solvents, varnishes and stains
- ◆ Oil-based paints
- ◆ Acid car batteries
- ◆ Helium balloon tanks
- ◆ Household batteries
- ◆ Insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers
- ◆ Automotive fluids and fuels
- ◆ Driveway sealers
- ◆ Swimming pool chemicals
- ◆ Fluorescent light bulbs
- ◆ Mercury and other hazardous materials
- ◆ Photographic chemicals

Unacceptable Household Hazardous Waste Materials

- ◆ Commercial, industrial or medical waste
- ◆ Radioactive materials
- ◆ Asbestos
- ◆ Explosives
- ◆ Large oxygen & CO₂ tanks
- ◆ Large propane gas tanks

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

HHW is any product labeled as toxic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable, combustible or an irritant that when disposed of improperly poses a threat to human health and the environment. Common HHW products can be found under the sink, in closets, workrooms, basements, tool sheds and garages. HHW materials should not be placed in the trash, poured down the drain or into storm drains, or burned.

The Prince George's County Household Hazardous Waste Acceptance Site provides citizens and residents with an opportunity to properly dispose of their home-generated hazardous waste. Materials should be brought to the site in their original containers or packaging.

NOTE: Disposal of Prescription Drugs — Take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original prescription bottles to protect your personal information. Crush medication and place in an impermeable, nondescript container such as an empty can or sealable bag. Mix with coffee grounds, dirt, or kitty litter and discard with regular trash. Liquid medication may be handled in the same fashion. Citizens and residents may also call their local community pharmacy to inquire if they have a take-back program that allows the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal.



Electronics Recycling

Many companies that sell electronics are now offering take-back options to their customers.

Before you purchase a new computer or television, find out if the store will recycle your old one if you do not want to keep it. There may be a small fee for the service. For additional information on e-cycling in Maryland and businesses that participate in computer and electronics recycling take-back programs, visit the Maryland Department of the Environment's web page at <http://www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/LandPrograms/Recycling/SpecialProjects/ecycling.asp#permanent>.

Prince George's County also provides citizens and residents with an opportunity to recycle their used computers and electronic equipment at the Electronics Recycling Acceptance Site.

Acceptable Electronics Items

- ◆ Central Processing Units (CPUs)
- ◆ Any individual personal computer or component parts
- ◆ Inkjet and toner cartridges (from printers and fax machines)
- ◆ Mainframes
- ◆ Surge protectors
- ◆ Cell phones
- ◆ Circuit boards
- ◆ Computer mice
- ◆ Laptop computers
- ◆ Copiers
- ◆ Telephone systems
- ◆ CD players
- ◆ Keyboards
- ◆ Computer speakers
- ◆ Fax machines
- ◆ Cable
- ◆ Radios/stereos
- ◆ Printers
- ◆ Scanners
- ◆ Pagers
- ◆ Wire
- ◆ VCRs
- ◆ Maximum of five monitors and televisions

Unacceptable Electronics Items

- ◆ Software
- ◆ Stereo speakers
- ◆ Trash, boxes or paper
- ◆ Appliances such as toasters
- ◆ Microwave ovens
- ◆ Console televisions

Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill
11611 White House Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
(301) 883-5045

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- ◆ County residents may be asked to present valid identification in the form of a driver's license and/or vehicle registration
- ◆ Non-commercial vehicles ONLY

Bulky Trash..... (301) 952-7600

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If you have any questions concerning our recycling or source reduction programs and services, please call (301) 883-5045.



Proper disposal makes a world of difference...



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