

Selected Items are Made Available Back to the Public... for FREE!

Reuse Policy:

From an environmental perspective, the best method for dealing with household hazardous waste (HHW) is to use it up for its intended purpose. Therefore, the selected household-type products received at this collection facility have been evaluated for their potential "reuse value" and are made available for reuse...for FREE. This approach has several direct benefits. First. it promotes reuse and recycling. Secondly, it reduces the cost associated with proper and safe HHW disposal. The facility stresses that it CANNOT GUARANTEE the integrity, safety, usability or effectiveness of the products taken for reuse. Patrons accept products from this center at their own risk and are encouraged to return items when they are no longer needed.

Proper Identification Required. Commercial Waste is Not Accepted

City Staff reserves the right to accept or reject any and all waste, plus reserves the right to refuse service to any person or organization. Rules subject to change without notice.

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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Facility at the Joplin Recycling Center 1310 West A Street

Tuesday and Thursday 12pm to 6pm Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am to 3pm

Additional Information

City of Joplin 417-624-0820, Ext. 501 mphillip@joplinmo.org ~ www.joplinmo.org

Reasons for Proper HHW Disposal

- Prevent landfill degradation
- Improper storage can lead to fire or toxic fumes
- Health & safety issues such as poisoning and mixing
- Protect waste water treatment plants and septic systems
- Improper trash disposal can harm garbage truck drivers, transfer station employees and landfill employees
- Prevent improper dumping, thus protecting the land of Southwest

Missouri, and the Spring River Watershed.





HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

(CHEMICALS)

COLLECTION FACILITY

at the City of Joplin Recycling Center
1310 West A Street

Funded in Part by:





Region M Solid Waste Management District



Newton County Emergency Management

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FREE HHW Drop-off

for residents of McDonald, Newton, Jasper, Barton and Vernon Counties in Missouri

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Common household products generated incidental to owning and/or maintaining a place of residence are considered HHW when they contain ingredients and/or combination of ingredients that can be hazardous to the environment and/or human health. Words to look for: Danger, Poison, Caution, Warning, Flammable, Reactive, Explosive, Corrosive, Caustic and/or Toxic.

Facility Accepts These Categories of Limited HHW:

- Aerosol Cans (including aerosol paint cans)
- Automotive Products (except oil, filters and antifreeze)
- Batteries
- Home Maintenance Products (except paint)
- · Household Cleaners
- Lawn and Garden Products
- Mercury Debris
- Pool and Spa Supplies
- Propane Tanks, Metal Cylinders, and Fire Extinguishers



Facility Does NOT Accept:

Ammunition and Explosives:

Call local law enforcement agency as they generally offer free disposal.

Antifreeze:

FREE drop off at Lube-N-Oil, 906 W. 7th St. or Mitchell's Mobil 1 Lube Express, 2525 S. Range Line Rd.

Asbestos:

Residential asbestos should be misted with water, wrapped in plastic and brought to a local landfill or transfer station. There will be a fee.

Commercial and School Waste:

Call commercial hazardous waste hauler.

Container of any one item over 30 gallons:

Call commercial hazardous waste hauler.

Fluorescent Bulbs:

Sorry, this was a budgetary decision. Wrap with tape and set out for residential trash service. Computer Recycling Center, Springfield, Missouri accepts bulbs for a fee. 417-866-2588

Motor Oil and Transmission Fluid:

Free drop off at any O'Reilly Auto Parts. However, the Joplin HHW Facility will accept oil that has been contaminated with other liquids or solids.

Paint:

Sorry, another budgetary decision. Stir in sawdust or cat litter, allow to dry, DO NOT replace lid, set out with trash.

Pharmaceuticals

Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications can be dropped off for free at the following locations: Joplin, Carthage, Webb City, Carl Junction, and Lamar Police Stations; Newton and McDonald County Sheriffs Offices; Jasper County Courthouse in Joplin.

Pressure Treated Wood and Railroad Ties:

Contact B-3 Construction Landfill in Scammon, KS 620-479-2323 or Waste Corp. in Joplin, MO 417-623-6620.

Radioactive Materials

Contact commercial hazardous waste hauler.

Sharps-Lancets, Needles, Syringes:

Residents should place sharps in plastic detergent bottle with bleach water, replace lid, tape shut, write "sharps" on bottle and place in regular trash. Medical offices should call commercial medical waste hauler.

How to Package and Transport HHW to the Facility:

When transporting HHW to a collection, it is important to remember that these are hazardous wastes. A business or industry transporting the same wastes would be required to adhere to a number of safety and handling regulations. These regulations have been established to prevent injury, spills, and other accidents resulting from mishandling hazardous waste. There are no regulations governing how homeowners transport HHW, but you can take precautions to prevent accidents from occurring on your way to the collection site. Use protective chemical-resistant gloves and safety glasses. Do not bring children or pets along to the collection site.

Procedures:

- 1. Keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products.
- Label materials that are not in their original containers. Every effort should be made to identify unknowns. If unaware of specific product name, provide product category, such as pesticide or cleaning product if possible.
- 3. Check all containers, make sure the lids are tightly sealed.
- 4. If a container is leaking, this container should be placed within a larger, plastic container with a tight-fitting lid. A nonflammable absorbent, such as clay-based cat box fill, should be packed around the product to absorb any possible leaks. Label the outside container with the contents and date.
- 5. Place products upright in cardboard box and secure so that they do not tip over in transport.
- Transport products in the back of a pickup truck or in a car trunk. If you must transport the materials in the passenger compartment, make sure there is adequate ventilation. Do not smoke while transporting HHW.
- 7. Keep flammables out of direct sunlight and away from sources of heat, spark, flame or ignition.
- When in doubt...call Joplin Recycling Coordinator 417-624-0820, Ext. 501