

# Household Hazardous Waste

## PESTICIDE DISPOSAL

Pesticides are chemicals that kill pests, including animals, plants, molds and insects. These are examples of household pesticides:

Insect sprays • Flea products • Mothballs • Rodent poisons • Weed killers • Wood preservatives •

✓**NEVER** dump unwanted pesticides down the sink or toilet, into storm drains, streams, or on the ground.

✓**NEVER** use treated wood as firewood.

### What To Do with Leftover Pesticides

- Save them for future use, or give them to someone who can use them, unless they are banned or restricted.
- When using up a pesticide that requires dilution, triple-rinse the container, and use the rinse water to dilute the last batch.
- Drain all containers used to mix or store pesticides for at least 30 seconds.
- Discard clean, empty pesticide containers (including aerosols) in the household trash.
- Save all leftover pesticides for a household hazardous waste collection program.

**Always read the label for safety precautions, even if you are familiar with the product.**

**Remember improper disposal of these products can harm the environment.**



## ALWAYS CONSULT THE PRODUCT LABEL

Labels provide information about proper use and alert you if the product is potentially hazardous.

### Look for:

- ✓ Signal words -  
**DANGER, POISON, WARNING or CAUTION.**
- ✓ Statements of hazards -  
**“Flammable,” “Vapor harmful,” “Harmful or fatal if swallowed.”**
- ✓ Precautionary statements -  
**“Keep out of reach of children,” “Use only in well-ventilated areas,” “Do not mix with chlorine-type bleaches or other chemicals.”**

Store Household Hazardous Waste Properly and Safely Before Disposal

- G** Keep the product in its original container with the label intact.
- G** Place leaking containers in larger, leak-proof containers clearly labeled with the contents.
- G** Store products out of reach of children and pets, away from heat, and away from the house, if possible.
- G** Store liquid flammables in their original containers or UL-approved metal safety cans, available from hardware stores.
- G** Reduce disposal problems by using smaller amounts of hazardous substances, or by substituting less hazardous substances where possible.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION on household hazardous waste, contact:**

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Bureau of Waste Reduction & Recycling  
Division of Solid & Hazardous Materials  
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**Note: The information on this card applies only to home-generated wastes. Businesses and organizations must comply with all applicable state and federal hazardous waste regulations.**