

Frequently asked questions

What is "Household Hazardous Waste"?

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or chemically reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW".

What are some of the common wastes?

Discarded household products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, pesticides, herbicides and prescription drugs that contain potentially hazardous ingredients are all examples of household hazardous waste.

How do I get rid of old paint?

Solidify the paint before discarding it in the regular trash.

For small quantities, such as one or two inches in the bottom of a can, simply remove the lid or leave the lid slightly open until the paint has solidified. The can should be located in a well ventilated area, preferably outside and out of the reach of small children and animals.

For larger quantities of paint, mix a clay based absorbent (such as kitty litter or oil-dri) and paint in an old bucket or sturdy cardboard box combining small quantities of each and mixing thoroughly before combining additional materials. Let stand until the mixture has completely solidified.

In either of the above situations, once the paint has solidified, place the absorbent, paint cans, and cardboard boxes inside a garbage bag, seal it tightly and dispose of it in the trash.

How can I dispose of household products containing hazardous materials or chemicals?

Different household hazardous waste will require different disposal techniques. Read product labels for the manufacturers recommended disposal directions. If no disposal directions are present, then contact the manufacturer or seek proper disposal guidance by searching the Internet. As a last resort contact Nye County Public Works in seeking out proper guidance.

Where can I dispose of used motor oil?

See Nye County's Used Motor Oil Program