

## Recycle some HHW

The following hazardous materials are required to be recycled by Minnesota State Law:

- **Used Motor Oil & Oil Filters:** Recycle oil and oil filters any place in the State of MN that provides oil change services.
- **Vehicle Batteries:** Recycle auto batteries at any business that sells auto batteries.
- **Rechargeable batteries, Small Sealed Lead Acid** (often labeled "PB-acid" or "lead acid"), **Nickel Cadmium** (often labeled "Ni-Cad"), **Lithium** (often labeled "Li", "CR", or "BR"): Drop off FREE at Land & Resource Management or check with local lumber yards.
- **Tires:** most tire dealers accept tires for recycling (for a fee) as does the Chippewa County Recycling Center.
- **Fluorescent or High Intensity Discharge Lamps:** These are accepted for recycling at ACE Hardware in Montevideo and the HHW Facility in Willmar for a fee. *Note: watch for annual collections when homeowners can dispose of bulbs for free.*
- **Mercury:** Any products containing mercury such as thermostats, thermometers, electric switches, medical or scientific instruments or any other devices from which the mercury has not been removed for reuse or recycling. Drop off FREE at Land & Resource Mgmt. or bring to HHW Facility.

## FREE Service

Please bring your household hazardous waste products year round to:

Kandiyohi County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility

1404 SW 22nd Street

Willmar, MN 56201

If you have an unusually large amount of waste, please call ahead so they are prepared for you: Phone: 320-231-3587

Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

### For More Information Contact:

Chippewa County Land & Resource Mgmt.

629 N 11th Street

Montevideo, MN 56265

Phone: 320-269-6231

Web: [www.co.chippewa.mn.us](http://www.co.chippewa.mn.us)



## Household Hazardous Waste

### Management & Disposal



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- ◆ Chippewa County Land & Resource Mgmt.
- ◆ Kandiyohi County Regional HHW Facility
- ◆ Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

# Manage your HHW Safely

## What is a Household Hazardous Product?

A household hazardous product is a material that contains a hazard component. To see if a product is hazardous, read the label and look for hazardous signal words as follows:

Flammable • Ignitable • Combustible • Poisonous • Toxic • Corrosive • Reactive

Also beware of the hazard words which tell you the level of hazard. They are: Caution • Warning • Danger • Poison.

## What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is created when a household hazardous product becomes unusable or unwanted and needs to be disposed of.

The best disposal is to be able to use the product for its intended use but if unable to do so, bring to your FREE HHW center.

Many household products contain the same chemicals as strictly regulated industrial wastes and pose similar environmental and personal health problems. Although the quantities of chemicals disposed of by individual households may be small, the number of households in Minnesota are many, and the amount of waste adds up.

*Latex Paint can be properly, safely and inexpensively disposed of at home:*

**Latex Paint:** for small amounts of latex paint, you can dry out the paint and then throw it in the trash. Dried latex paint is not hazardous. To dry out paint safely do the following:

- ◆ Find a well ventilated area away from children and pets.
- ◆ Remove lid to dry — stirring occasionally speeds the drying process.
- ◆ For larger amount, line a cardboard box with plastic and newspaper or kitty litter. Pour paint in layers, adding more as paint dries.

## Reuse Opportunity.

Kandiyohi County Regional HHW Facility operates a paint/product exchange shelf located in the drop-off lobby of the HHW facility where you can often find good paint, stain, aerosols and cleaning products at **no charge**.



## Read the Labels!



## Helpful Tips:

- Buy only what you need to complete the job.
- Use latex paint whenever possible.
- Read and compare labels of various products, then choose the least hazardous.
- Use non-hazardous alternatives such as vinegar and baking soda for cleaning, mechanical rodent traps and a plunger or mechanical snake to unclog drains.
- Read and follow all label directions and wear proper safety equipment.
- Store hazardous products according to the manufacturers guidelines and store on shelves in locked cabinets out of the reach of children.