What is Household Hazardous Waste?
Almost every home has common household products containing chemicals that are harmful to humans, animals, and the environment. When these products are no longer wanted they become “Household Hazardous Waste” (HHW). They include items such as paint, cleaning products, insecticides, motor oil, and even hobby supplies. It is both dangerous and illegal to dispose of HHW in the garbage, down the drain, or on the ground. Do the right thing and bring your HHW to the nearest drop-off facility—It’s FREE!

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Sites & Locations
In Partnership with the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program
City of Santa Cruz
Hous ehold Hazardous Waste Drop-off
Open Saturdays Only 7:30am to 3:30pm
605 Dimeo Lane
(Open three miles north of Santa Cruz up Highway 1)

Additional Drop-off Locations:
Buena Vista Landfill
(831) 454-2606 for hours of operation
1231 Buena Vista Drive, Watsonville
1 mile south of Highway 1
Ben Lomond Transfer Station
(831) 454-2606 for hours of operation
9835 Newell Creek Road, Ben Lomond
Off of Glen Arbor Road
All facilities are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year.

City is of Santa Cruz
Household Hazardous Waste Program

Before you move, take proper care of household products that may contain hazardous ingredients.
Make sure these products are REUSED, RECYCLED, or PROPERLY DISPOSED.

Here’s What You Can Do!
Set Aside products that you can use up before you move, or that you will personally transport to your new home.
Offer the remaining products to the new owners, neighbors, or friends.

Homebound Pick-Up
If no one in your household is physically able to bring your HHW material to a facility, call 454-2606 to schedule a pick-up.

Unwanted Paint Recycle Program
If you have less than 2 inches of paint left in a container, open the lid and let the paint dry. After the paint is dry you may throw away the whole container in the trash.

Paint Care
Drop off leftover paint. Find participating stores in Santa Cruz at www.paintcare.org

Paint Care
Each year thousands of gallons of paint are left over from home improvement projects. If handled improperly, paint threatens the environment, wildlife, and human health. So bring your leftover latex or oil-based paint to the HHW drop-off facility.

Clean up with care:
- Look for the least toxic products available.
- Clean latex paint in a sink connected to the sanitary sewer.
- Reuse solvents and thinners when cleaning oil-based paint.
- Never clean equipment in gutters, streets, or storm drains.

Stormwater pollution is the greatest threat to water quality!

Recycle these
These materials are accepted at the Resource Recovery Facility Monday thru Saturday 7:30am to 3:30pm.
- Antifreeze—In a sealed plastic container
- Auto Batteries
- Household Batteries
- Fluorescent Tubes & Compact Bulbs - 10 per visit
- Ballasts-10 per visit

Oil & Air Filter Curbside Recycling:
Put used oil in City of Santa Cruz 2 1/2 gallon container. Place drained filters in zip-lock bag. Leave both next to blue recycling cart and not inside cart.
To receive a Free 2 1/2 gallon used-oil container and schedule a pickup call 420-5220.

Recycle Motor Oil
- MOTOR Oil & Oil Filters—Place drained filters in a plastic zip-lock bag and use City provided container for oil.
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Absolutely NO Solvents!

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It’s Safe, Convenient, & FREE!

- Aerosol Cans
- Air Fresheners
- Ammonia Cleaners
- Bleach Cleaners
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Disinfectants
- Drain Cleaners
- Furniture Polish
- Insecticides
- Smoke Detectors
- Metal Polish
- Floor Care Products
- Oven Cleaners
- Paints
- Matttballs
- Insecticides
- Toilet Cleaners
- Powder/Abrasive Cleaners
- Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
- Dry Cleaning Solvents
- Glues
- Oils
- Thinners
- Wood Preservative
- Turpentine
- Rust Paints
- Thinner
- Wood Preservative

Questions?  
(454-2606)

Residents may only transport 15 gallons or 125 lbs. of HHW in their vehicle.

Transport Household Hazardous Waste in the original labeled containers.

Make sure the lids are on securely and that no containers are leaking.

Cushion glass containers to prevent breakage.

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Gasoline & Kerosene must be in unbreakable container that is leak proof.

Never throw medical waste in the garbage or recycling cart.

For drop-off sites: www.sharpmedsolutions.org

Call the non-emergency number of local law enforcement at 471-1131.

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