



It is not always easy to tell whether or not a material is hazardous. Look for these warning words: POISON, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, VOLATILE, FLAMMABLE, INFLAMMABLE, COMBUSTIBLE, EXPLOSIVE, DANGER, CAUTION, WARNING OR HARMFUL.

## About HAZARDOUS WASTE

**Please bring your unused or unwanted hazardous products to the Hazardous Materials Management Facility for reuse, recycling, or proper disposal.**

Many products used in the home, yard, workshop and garage contain hazardous ingredients and need to be used and stored safely. Products include: cleaners, auto products, paints, remodeling products, garden products, hobby, pool, and pet products. When you decide to discard such products, they become hazardous waste.

The products from a single home may seem insignificant, but when people use and dispose of them improperly the combined effect becomes a major problem.

Improper disposal of hazardous waste includes throwing it in the trash; pouring it on the ground; flushing it down the toilet, sink or drain; and pouring it in the gutter or storm drain.

### Do You KNOW?

A typical home contains 3 to 8 gallons of hazardous material. When it is used, stored or disposed of IMPROPERLY, hazardous waste poses a threat to our families, pets, neighborhoods and environment.

- Substances poured into household drains and toilets go into the sewage treatment process, eventually impacting fish and wildlife.
- Substances poured onto soil, streets, or into storm drains are carried to our streams, causing harm to our environment, fish and wildlife.
- Hazardous wastes that reach our landfills can leach into the soil and pollute groundwater.
- Throwing hazardous waste into the garbage can threaten sanitation workers, who can be injured by acids, fires and explosions.

### What Makes A Product HAZARDOUS?

Read the label first! All hazardous products exhibit at least one of these properties:

**Toxic:** can cause injury or death when inhaled, eaten, swallowed, or absorbed through the skin (e.g. rat poison, pesticides, bleach).

**Flammable:** can easily ignite and burn rapidly (e.g. gasoline, paint thinners, lighter fluid, spot and paint removers). NOTE: INFLAMMABLE means flammable.

**Corrosive:** can burn skin on contact and can eat away the surface of other materials (e.g. oven and toilet bowl cleaners).

**Explosive:** can react with air, water or other substances to produce toxic vapors or explosions (e.g. bleach when mixed with ammonia-based cleaners, gasoline if transported incorrectly).

### Resources for BUSINESSES (including churches, clubs, non-profits, etc.)

Businesses are responsible for disposing of hazardous wastes in accordance with state and federal regulations.

### CONTACTS

#### Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

303.692.3300 for information on hazardous waste generator requirements or [www.cdphe.state.co.us/hm/handbk.pdf](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hm/handbk.pdf)

#### Boulder County Public Health

303.441.1164 for advice on reducing the use of hazardous chemicals and pollution prevention or [www.bouldercounty.org](http://www.bouldercounty.org) and search "PACE".

Phone book yellow pages under "Waste Disposal - Hazardous" or "Environmental and Ecological Services" for companies providing hazardous waste collection services.

### NOTE

The Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility plans to extend its services to businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous wastes and that are classified by the State of Colorado as "conditionally-exempt small quantity generators" in summer 2011. Call 720.564.2220 for more information.



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# Hazardous Materials Management Facility

## Residential Customer Information

*New Facility • New Name  
New Location • Expanded Hours*



**Hazardous Materials Management Facility**  
Located immediately west of the Recycling Center

1901 63rd Street • Boulder

Office: 720.564.2220

**Hazardous Materials Information Line**

303.441.4800

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## Offering Hazardous Materials Management and Free Reusable Products

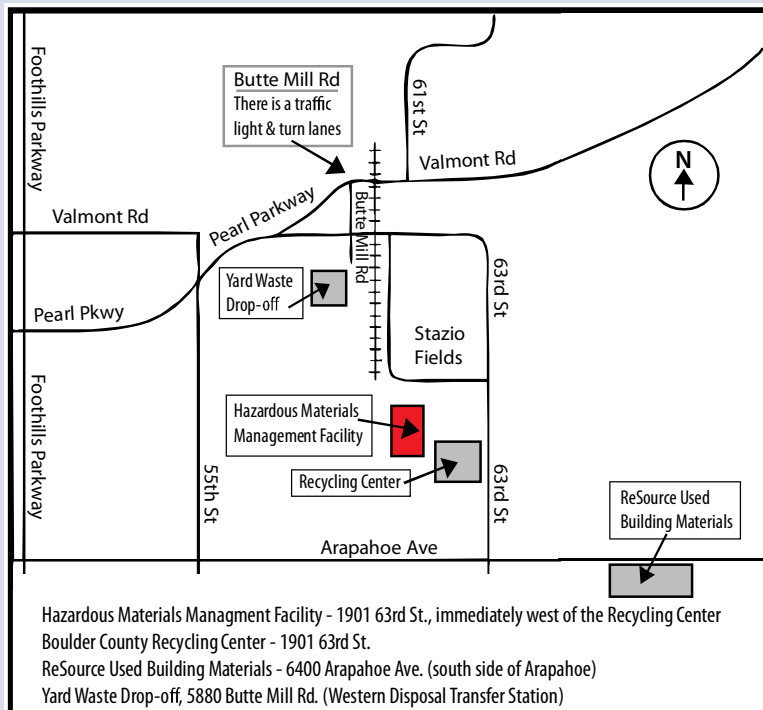
**Serves:** All residents of Boulder County, City and County of Broomfield, and the Town of Erie. Please bring your driver's license or other proof of residency.

**Location:** Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility, 1901 63rd St., Boulder (immediately west of the Recycling Center).

**Hours:** Wednesday – Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Note: the facility is not open on public holidays. Please call 303.441.4800 to check for closures.

**Cost:** Residents are not charged to drop off their hazardous wastes. This program costs about \$45 per household served and is funded by municipalities based on participation by their residents.

**Reusable Products:** Reusable products are available FREE OF CHARGE during regular hours of operation.



## ACCEPTS

Transport hazardous materials upright in boxes. Be sure lids are on securely. Do NOT mix containers together in bags or garbage cans as lids can come off causing chemicals to mix and possibly creating dangerous reactions. If you do have a container that is leaking, individually bag and seal it, or transfer it to a different container and label it properly.

- Abrasive cleaners
- Aerosol cans
- Antifreeze
- Batteries - auto & household
- Bleach
- Brake fluid
- Car wax and cleaners
- Caulk
- Degreasers
- Deodorizers
- Disinfectants
- Floor cleaners/wax
- Fluorescent light tubes/CFLs
- Fertilizers
- Fungicides
- Furniture polish
- Fuels (diesel/gas/kerosene)
- Flea controls
- Glue
- Insecticides
- Laundry products
- Mineral spirits
- Mothballs
- Oven cleaners
- Paint (oil & latex)
- Paint thinners & strippers
- Pesticides
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool/spa chemicals
- Propane tanks (camping size ONLY)
- Resins (fiberglass & epoxy)
- Rug & upholstery cleaners
- Rust removers
- Silver cleaners
- Soil fumigants
- Thermometers and other mercury devices
- Toilet & drain cleaners
- Transmission fluid
- Used or unused motor oil
- Varnishes
- Weed killers

Don't see what you are looking for on this list?  
 Call 720.564.2220 for more information.

## WHEN YOU VISIT

- Park your car
- Unload hazardous waste from your vehicle onto a cart
- Wheel the cart into the HMMF
- Show proof of residency and answer a few questions

## Does NOT Accept

- Ammunition, explosives, flares, fireworks
- Asbestos-containing insulation, tile, linoleum
- BBQ propane tanks
- Business wastes
- Empty containers
- Fire extinguishers
- Medical wastes
- Non-hazardous wastes
- Radioactive materials
- Smoke detectors

## Latex Paint

An alternative disposal option for this low-hazard product.

*If you have containers with small amounts of latex paint, you can add an absorbent material (e.g. kitty litter or cement) to accelerate the drying process. When dry, leave the lids off and dispose of with your regular trash.*

## Empty Paint Cans

*If you have empty and dry paint cans - leave the lids off and recycle the metal cans and lids at your local recycling center in the scrap metal bin. Plastic paint cans cannot be recycled at this time.*

## SAFETY Tips

- Store hazardous products upright, tightly sealed, away from heat and out of the reach of children and pets. Keep in their original containers. If you do have to use a different container, be sure to label it adequately to avoid poisonings, and for safe use and disposal.
- Always follow the directions on the label. Ask the dealer or manufacturer to provide more explanation if needed.
- Never use more of the product than is recommended.
- Never mix products; this can lead to explosions or the release of poisonous gases.
- Use hazardous products in well-ventilated areas and always use gloves, eye protection and air-purifying respirators whenever warranted.
- Never eat, drink, or smoke where hazardous products are being used.

## REDUCE Toxics And Waste

- Choose water-based (latex) products over solvent-based ones.
- Avoid aerosols, products containing chlorinated compounds, petroleum distillates, phenols and formaldehyde, and chemical air fresheners, as these products pose inhalation hazards.
- Buy only what you need. If you have a leftover product, give it to a neighbor or friend who will use it up according to directions.
- Avoid pesticides. Plant pest and disease-resistant species of plants. Reassess your tolerance of pests and if you must kill them, learn how to target them most effectively.

## Safer ALTERNATIVES

**Drain Cleaners:** pour 1/4 cup of baking soda down the drain, followed by 1/2 cup vinegar; cover and let sit for 15 minutes then flush with boiling water.

**Glass Cleaners:** use equal parts vinegar and water mixture.

**Ant Deterrent:** sprinkle cream of tartar, chili powder, or dried peppermint where they enter the house.