

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Rock River Water Reclamation District  
3333 Kishwaukee Street  
Rockford, IL  
Phone: 815-387-7400 (City), Or: 217-785-8604 (IEPA)

Hours of operation are:  
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

This Household Hazardous Waste collection site is a cooperative effort between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Rock River Water Reclamation District and the City of Rockford to provide a safe option for disposal of hazardous household chemicals. It is open to Illinois residents at no charge.

Nearly every home contains hazardous materials. A material is considered hazardous if it is:

- **Toxic** - can injure or kill if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin
- **Flammable** - may explode or ignite, even when cool
- **Corrosive** - can cause permanent tissue damage through contact
- **Irritant** - can irritate or inflame the skin, eyes, nose, throat or lungs.

How many hazardous products are in your home? Here are some of the most common:

- **Kitchen:** oven cleaner, drain cleaner, floor-care products
- **Bathroom:** toilet cleaner, polish remover, hair color, aerosol deodorant, some cosmetics, medications
- **Laundry Room:** detergent, chlorine bleach, spot remover, softener, spray starch
- **General Household:** ammonia-based cleaner, furniture polish, mothballs, some air fresheners, insecticides, flea and tick powder, metal cleaner, household batteries
- **Workshop:** paint, glue, varnish, paint thinner & strippers, turpentine, stains, etc.
- **Garage:** motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, car batteries, lighter fluid, pool chemicals, herbicides.

Items accepted: Household acids, adhesives, antifreeze, automotive fluids (brake, transmission fluids), batteries (household & automotive), cleaning solvents, degreasers, fertilizers, flammable liquids, fluorescent tubes & ballasts, fungicides, gasoline – in properly marked containers, herbicides, insecticides, insulin disposal (no needles or sharps), rechargeable batteries, paint (oil-based only, no latex paint), paint strippers and thinners, pesticides, poisons, pool chemicals, motor oil, thermometers (mercury), thermostats (mercury), tires (auto – 4 per person per day), varnish, wood stain, etc.

Items which will not be accepted are: explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, compressed gases, garbage, yard waste, farm chemicals, business wastes, propane tanks, needles/syringes, explosives, lead-acid batteries and medical waste. Latex paint should be solidified and disposed of with your regular pick-up (see website below for more information).

Thanks for helping to protect your environment and your health!

## ***Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department***

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