What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is leftover household products that are **flammable**, **corrosive**, **reactive** or **poisonous**. It also includes some liquid products that should not be disposed of in the garbage or down the drain.

Important Notice!

The RDN does **NOT** accept materials included in B.C.'s **Provincial HHW Recycling Programs**.

Provincial HHW Recycling Programs accept only select recyclable materials, such as:

- Paints and stains*
- Flammable liquids and gasoline*
- Pesticides*
- Used oil and antifreeze*
- Batteries*
- Medications*

**Exclusions and drop-off conditions exist*

These materials can be returned to participating recycling depots without an appointment and at no additional charge. Find out where at **rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where**. See the back of this pamphlet to learn more about these programs.

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Program Eligibility

This program is open to RDN residents only.

Reduce Your HHW Output

Only buy as much as you need. **Consider donating** unused products to non-profit organizations or offer them to a friend or neighbour.

B.C.'s Recycling Programs

B.C. requires that producers of certain product types must collect and recycle their waste products and packaging. This approach to recycling is called **Extended Producer Responsibility** (EPR). Similar products, like paints and stains, are often managed by a single EPR program.

EPR programs are funded by environmental handling fees that are added to consumer purchases of program products.

To learn more, visit **gov.bc.ca** and search for **Extended Producer Responsibility**.



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Scheduling an HHW Drop-Off

To drop off your HHW at an RDN solid waste facility, you are first required to **register your HHW**. This step will:

- Ensure prohibited materials are directed to the proper disposal locations
- Improve safety for residents and RDN staff
- Reduce disposal fees and operational costs

STEP 1 **Schedule a drop-off appointment** by emailing hhw@rdn.bc.ca and include the following information:

- Attach photos of the items you would like to drop off
- Contact name and phone number
- Name of the product(s) you wish to dispose of
- Preferred drop off location

STEP 2 RDN staff will review your registration request and **send you a confirmation email. Read this carefully as it contains important information to help keep you and RDN staff safe!**

HHW Fees and Surcharges

Fees and surcharges are subject to change.

	CATEGORY	0–25 KG	OVER 25 KG
A	**HHW**	$10 (flat rate)	$0.30/kg
B	**Surcharge** for **Special HHW***	$20	
C	**Surcharge** per pressurized cylinder, non-refillable	$10	
D	**Surcharge** per pressurized cylinder, refillable	$50	
E	**Surcharge** for loads of HHW containing unidentifiable (unknown) items.	$5	

**Special HHW includes highly toxic materials that require special handling.*

Accepted Materials

The following items are accepted in the RDN's HHW program. Please note that this is not a complete list. If you don't see an item in the list below, you can look it up at **rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where**

AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

Air conditioner refrigerant
Auto body filler
Auto body paint (non-aerosol)
Detailing products:
- Cleaners and shampoos
- Polishes and waxes
- Protectants
- Tire shine

Diesel fuel (in a ULC-approved container)
Fuel and oil additives
Hardeners (curing agents)
Oil or fuel-soaked fabrics or debris
Windshield washer fluid

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

Bleach
Cleaners:
- All-purpose cleaner
- Ammonia
- Glass cleaner
- Metal cleaner
- Oven cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Tub and tile cleaner
- Upholstery cleaner

Disinfectants
Drain opener
Lamp oil, torch oil and lighter fluid
Lye (sodium hydroxide)
Muriatic acid (hydrochloric acid)
Polishes and waxes
Pool and hot tub chemicals
Rust remover and descaler
Spot and stain remover

BUILDING SUPPLY PRODUCTS

Caulking
Foam sealant
Glues/adhesives (non-flammable)
Paint-related products:
- Craft and artist's paints
- Non-liquid paints
- Paint additives and tints
- Two-part paints

Sealers
Resins and fillers
Solvents (non-flammable)
Tar, asphalt and rubber-based coatings

HOBBY CHEMICALS

Chemistry sets
Electroplating solutions
Home laboratory chemicals
Metal and glass etchants
Photographic chemicals

COMPRESSED GASES

Bear spray
Butane canisters
Non-refillable gas cylinders
Refillable gas cylinders (125 cf max)
Two-part spray foam kit

GARDENING & PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS

Chemical fertilizers
Flea/tick pet products
Insect and pest repellents
Pesticides (label missing the Poison Symbol or the word "DOMESTIC")

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

Hair dye
Hairspray
Nail polish remover
Rubbing alcohol

MERCURY-CONTAINING PRODUCTS

Liquid mercury
Mercury switches
Thermometers and barometers
Thermostats

Prohibited Materials

The following materials are **NOT** accepted in the RDN's HHW program. Visit **rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where** for disposal options.

Provincial HHW Recycling Program materials

Agricultural, business, industrial or institutional hazardous wastes

Ammo, fireworks and flares

Bilge water

Biohazardous and pharmaceutical substances

Toxic, corrosive or unlabeled gases

Non-hazardous wastes:
- Dried out products
- Empty containers
- Personal care products (unless labeled flammable)
- Spent sorbent materials