

## WHAT IS A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Almost every home contains hazardous products, or products that can harm human health or the environment if improperly handled. They are products used in cleaning, home improvements, automobile maintenance, lawn and garden care, hobbies, and a variety of other tasks.

Each year, thousands of people are injured by exposure or accident involving hazardous household products. Because of the dangers they pose, these products require special awareness, handling, and disposal. In order to protect health and environment, every consumer should know how to properly use, store, and dispose of hazardous household products.

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Commercial Volumes of Pesticides or Hazardous Wastes Require Prior Approval. Contact the Appropriate Agency if You have Any Questions.

## DANGERS OF IMPROPER DISPOSAL

- When used, stored and disposed of according to label directions, most household products like cleaners, beauty products, medicines, auto fluids, paint and lawn care products pose little hazard to people or to the environment. However, these products may become dangerous and hazardous when used, stored or disposed of carelessly.
- When thrown in with the regular trash, household hazardous waste can injure sanitation workers. In addition, the hazardous waste may end up in landfills not intended or permitted for those type of wastes which could in turn impact groundwater.
- When poured on the ground, household hazardous waste may seep into and contaminate our groundwater and/or streams and rivers.
- When flushed down a toilet, sink or drain, household hazardous waste goes through the sewage system to treatment plants not equipped to handle hazardous waste.
- When hazardous waste is thrown on the street, it goes down storm drains leading into our area waterways, impacting streams, rivers, and lakes.
- Improper use, storage and disposal of household hazardous products can potentially harm our families, children, and pets, pollute our neighborhoods and contaminate our ground, water and air.



## *Pesticide and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days*

**Powell**  
**Friday, September 7**  
**11:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.**  
**Park County Fairgrounds**

**Cody**  
**Saturday, September 8**  
**9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.**  
**Recycling Center**

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# **FREE** **Pesticide and** **Household Hazardous** **Waste Collection Days**

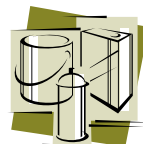
## **DO YOU HAVE OLD PESTICIDES OR UNWANTED HAZARDOUS WASTES ON YOUR FARM OR IN YOUR HOME?**

*This is an opportunity for Park County residents to legally dispose of unwanted pesticides and household hazardous wastes in an environmentally sound method. This “No Questions Asked” disposal program is being offered FREE OF CHARGE jointly between Park County Weed and Pest Control District, Park County Landfills, and the cities of Cody and Powell.*

*A “Drop and Swap” table will be available during the collection day. Legal pesticides with full, legible labels, and household products (including paint) will be available for individuals to browse through for their own use prior to packaging for disposal.*

### **WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTED?**

- Household cleaners
- Paint
- Turpentine
- Wood Preservatives
- Varnish
- Paint Removers
- Pool Chemicals
- Herbicides
- Mercury
- Roofing Tar
- Bleach
- Lacquer
- Corrosive Materials
- Furniture Polish
- Silver Polish
- Ammonia Products
- Laundry Products
- Car Batteries
- Used Motor Oil
- Anti-freeze
- Transmission Fluid
- Disinfectants
- Rust Removers
- Propane Tanks
- Brake Fluid
- Degreasers
- Cleaning Solvents
- Toilet and Drain Cleaners
- Poison Baits
- Carpet & Cleaners
- Upholstery Cleaners
- Alkaline Batteries
- Photographic Chemicals
- Insecticides
- Spot Removers
- Mothballs
- Florescent Bulbs
- Friable Asbestos (Double Bagged)
- Oven Cleaners
- Weed Killers



### **WHAT NOT TO BRING**

- Household Garbage
- Radioactive Material
- Explosives
- Medical Waste
- Ammunition
- Smoke Detectors



### **WHAT TO DO WITH EMPTY PESTICIDE CONTAINERS**

Pesticide containers that have been triple-rinsed or pressure-rinsed and punctured can be legally disposed of in any of the Park County Landfills.

However, remember that empty pesticide containers are not really “empty.” They still have small amounts of pesticide—even after they have been rinsed out. Never toss them into streams, ponds, fields, or vacant buildings. Be sure to keep track of every pesticide container used on the job. Never allow children to play with them, or allow other persons to use them for anything else.



### **HOW TO TRANSPORT**

- Tighten caps and lids
- Leave materials in original containers
- Pad boxes with newspaper or plastic to minimize spills
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS
- DO NOT store the products in the passenger compartment
- Drive directly to the Center
- DON'T SMOKE AROUND CHEMICALS