

## Household Hazardous Waste Chart

The following chart prepared by the Water Environment Federation will help you establish the most effective means of disposing of typical hazardous wastes used around your home or garden.

**Blue dots** ● indicated products that can be poured down the drain with plenty of water. If you have a septic tank, additional caution should be exercised when dumping these items down the drain. In fact, there are certain chemical substances that cannot be used with a septic tank. Read the labels to determine if a product could damage the septic tank.

**Yellow diamonds** ◆ indicate materials that cannot be poured down the drain, but can be safely disposed of in a sanitary landfill. Be certain the material is properly contained before it is put out for collection or carried to the landfill.

**The red boxed squares** ◻ indicated hazardous wastes that should be saved for a community-wide collection day or given to a licensed hazardous wastes contractor. (Even the empty containers should be taken to a licensed contractor if one is available.)

**Green packages** ⊞ in the fourth column indicate recyclable material. If there is a recycling program in your area, take the materials there. If not, encourage local officials to start such a program.

For more information on the safest way to dispose of these and other products, contact your area's solid and hazardous waste department or federal environmental agency.

Type of Waste	●	◆	◻	⊞
<b>Aerosol cans (empty)</b>		◆		⊞
<b>Aluminum cleaners</b>	●			
<b>Ammonia based cleaners</b>	●			
<b>Bug sprays</b>			◻	
<b>Drain cleaners</b>	●			
<b>Floor care products</b>			◻	
<b>Furniture polish</b>			◻	
<b>Metal polish with solvent</b>			◻	
<b>Window cleaner</b>	●			
<b>Oven cleaner (lye base)</b>		◆		
<b>Alcohol based lotions (aftershaves, perfumes, etc.)</b>	●			
<b>Bathroom cleaners</b>	●			
<b>Depilatories</b>	●			
<b>Disinfectants</b>	●			
<b>Permanent Lotions</b>	●			
<b>Hair relaxers</b>	●			



**Kitchen**



**Bathroom**



	Garden		Miscellaneous
Fungicide	☐		
Herbicide	☐		
Insecticide	☐		
Rat poison	☐		
Weed killer	☐		
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Ammunition	☐		
Artists' painting media	☐		
Dry cleaning solvents	☐	◆	
Fiberglass epoxy	☐		
Gun cleaning solvents	☐	◆	
Lighter fluid	☐		
Mercury batteries	☐	◆	
Moth balls	☐		
Old fire alarms	☐		
Photographic chemicals	☐		
Shoe polish		◆	
Swimming pool acid	☐		



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