

Alternatives to hazardous household chemicals:

Aerosols: Use pump-spray or other non-aerosol versions of cleaning and grooming products.

All-purpose cleaner: Dissolve 4 tablespoons baking soda in 1 quart warm water for a cleaning solution or use baking soda sprinkled on a damp sponge.

Brass and copper cleaner: Use paste of equal parts vinegar, salt, and flour. Be sure to rinse completely afterward to prevent corrosion.

Drain cleaner: Prevent clogging by covering drains with screen to keep out grease, food scraps, and hair. To loosen blockage, mix 1 cup each of baking soda, salt and white vinegar and pour down the drain. Wait 15 minutes. Flush drain thoroughly with boiling water. Use rubber plunger or plumber's snake if drain is seriously clogged.

Oven cleaner: After oven cools, wipe away grease and spills. Clean charred spills with nonmetallic bristle brush. To remove baked-on grease and spills. Scrub with baking soda, salt and water paste. Or sprinkle with dry baking soda, then scrub with a damp cloth after 5 minutes. (Don't let baking soda touch wires or heating elements.) Scour racks and burner inserts with steel wool.

Contact Information

For more information about these topics, please visit the St. Johns County Solid Waste webpage at:

www.sjcfcl.us/BCC/Solid_Waste/index.aspx

To report complaints or possible illegal dumping in storm drains:

(904) 209-0726

For storm drain marking events or educational programs:

(904) 471-1063

Household Hazardous Waste can be dropped off (free of charge) at Tillman Ridge or Stratton Rd Transfer Stations.

Tillman Ridge Transfer Station

3005 Allen Nease Rd
Elkton, Florida 32033

Stratton Rd Transfer Station

250 North Stratton Rd
St. Augustine, Florida 32095

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday

7a.m. – 6p.m.

Saturday

7a.m. – 1p.m.

For more information on the Solid Waste Program:

(904) 827-6980



**Protect our
Waters from
Household
Chemicals**



St. Johns County

What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?



HHW is an item or material, liquid or solid which has the potential to harm people, pets, or the environment if used, stored, or disposed of improperly. How do we know which products may be harmful? Some are obvious and many have identifying words on the label or cap such as:

- Toxic**
- Danger**
- Flammable**
- Corrosive**
- Irritant**
- Poison**
- Warning**
- Caution**

Often the container may be so old or damaged that these advisements are missing or are covered up. Any container that you cannot identify the contents of should be considered "Household Hazardous Waste."

Because of the potential risks associated with household hazardous wastes, it is important that people use, store and dispose of materials containing hazardous substances safely.

Use and store products containing hazardous substances carefully to prevent any accidents at home:

▶ Never store hazardous products in food containers.

▶ Keep products containing hazardous materials in their original containers and never remove the labels.

▶ Corroding containers, however, should be repackaged and clearly labeled. This will prevent accidental ingestion and also can help protect sanitation workers.

▶ Never mix household hazardous waste with other products. Incompatibilities may react, ignite, or explode. Contaminated household hazardous waste may become unrecyclable.

Follow any instructions for disposal and use provided on the labels of any hazardous waste.

Many of the familiar products in your home may contain hazardous chemicals. In fact, the average household contains between three and ten gallons of hazardous materials. Your household contains hazardous materials if you have any of the following, to name a few:

- Aerosol cans
- Cleansers
- Drain cleaners
- Floor care products
- Metal Polish
- Oven Cleaners
- Cooking Oil
- Fungicide
- Herbicide
- Insecticide
- Rodent Poisons
- Weed Killers
- Fertilizers
- Antifreeze
- Auto Batteries
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Brake Fluid
- Degreaser
- Motor Oil
- Batteries
- Furniture Polish
- Mothballs
- Photographic fixer
- Pool Chemicals
- Silver Polish
- Solvents
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs