



King County

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## Hazardous waste management

### **What kind of hazardous waste does a house typically have?**

If you have a garage, shop, basement, cleaning closet or under-the-sink storage, you probably have products that are hazardous. If a product label says CAUTION, WARNING, DANGER or POISON, you have a hazardous product. These include cleaners, automotive products, oil-based paints, home improvement and gardening products, and items such as computers or burned out fluorescent bulbs.

### **I use these materials all the time. How bad can they be?**

Common household and automotive products can be dangerous if mixed or come into contact with water. They can burn, release toxic gases contaminate water or property and create hazards for you, animals and emergency responders.

### **I have a lot of stuff in the garage. What should I do with it?**

Collect what you don't need and bring it to the easy, drive up service at the household hazardous waste facilities or the Wastemobile. Get disposal information at [www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/disposal](http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/disposal).

### **What can I bring? What if I have questions?**

Call the **Household Hazards Line: 206-296-4692**, or visit: [www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house](http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house). Call toll-free at: 1-888-TOXIC-ED (1-888-869-4233). TTY relay service is available at 711.

### **We have some cleaners and other stuff at work; can I bring that in too?**

Qualifying King County businesses can use household hazardous waste facilities and the Wastemobile. Businesses should fill out a Business Disposal Pilot Form and agree to complete a brief survey 2-4 weeks after disposal; details at: [www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business/sqg.html](http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business/sqg.html).

### **My business is trying to start emergency planning. How can we get help with our hazardous materials?**

You can ask for an on-site visit with experienced technical staff. For an appointment, call the Business Waste Line at 206-263-8899, toll free 1-800-325-6165 (ext. 3-8899) or visit [www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business](http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business).

### **Is there other help I can get with dealing with hazardous materials at my business?**

Businesses could be eligible for the Voucher Incentive Program. The Voucher reimburses businesses up to 50 percent of the total costs —up to \$500—to manage, dispose, reduce or recycle hazardous wastes. Go to [www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business/financial.html](http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business/financial.html), or call the Business Waste Line at 206-263-8899, toll free 1-800-325-6165, ext. 3-8899.



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**My business has underground storage tanks for fuel - what do I need to do to take care of them?**

For guidance on underground storage fuel tanks within flood zones, visit [www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/0909190.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/0909190.pdf).

**My home has an old underground storage tank, what should I do?**

For homeowners with underground heating oil storage tanks, see [www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/rtc92117.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/rtc92117.pdf) for information and contacts.