



Franklin County Municipal Court Environmental Division

Judge Stephanie Mingo

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Many of the products we use every day to clean our homes, including these listed below, contain hazardous materials that can be dangerous to people and the environment if not properly disposed of:

Acids/Alkalines	Disinfectants	Mercury
Antifreeze	Fluorescent Bulbs	Paints/Solvents
Bleach	Gasoline	Pesticides
Batteries	Herbicides	Polishes
Cleaners	Kerosene	Used Motor Oil

Keep hazardous substances out of reach of children and pets and away from heat sources or open flames.

Alternatives to Hazardous Cleaners

Drain Cleaners

Pour boiling water down the drain. Use a plunger or a plumber's snake.

Oven Cleaners

For baked-on grease- heat oven to 200 degrees; turn off, and leave 1/4 cup ammonia in a dish in the oven for several hours to loosen. Then scrub with baking soda. Save the ammonia to be used again.

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Use toilet brush and baking soda, mild detergent, or 1/2 cup bleach.

Furniture Polish

Melt 1 tbsp Canuba Wax in 2 cups mineral oil. For lemon oil polish- dissolve 1 tsp lemon into 1 pint mineral oil.

Paint Remover/Stripper

Heat guns may be used for removing many paints, but only in well-ventilated areas. Avoid using them for lead-based paints.

Roach Repellent

Cut hedge apples (Osage oranges) in half and place in the basement; in the cabinets; or under the house. Mix equal parts baking soda and powdered sugar and sprinkle in infested areas.

Window Cleaner

Use a pump spray container filled with 2 tbsp vinegar in 1 quart water or rub newspaper on the glass.

Latex paint is water soluble and can be dried out by either allowing to air-dry in a wall ventilated area or by adding cat litter, sawdust, or other paint hardeners. Once dry, the container may be thrown in the regular trash.

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) also provides a set of Hazardous Household Waste disposal options in Franklin County. Most items are free to dispose of for residents.

Facility Drop-OFF

SWACO contracts Environmental Enterprises Incorporated to offer free residential recycling for Household Hazardous Waste. Residents can bring accepted waste items for recycling and/or environmentally safe disposal.

645 E 8th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43201
Phone: (614)-294-1300

Weekly Hours (Closed Holidays):
Wednesdays: 12pm-6pm
Thursdays: 9am-5pm
Fridays: 12pm-6pm

Mobile Collection Events

For future dates and locations, visit www.swaco.org or call (614)-871-5100

Unaccepted Items

- Ammunition
- Appliances
- Abestos
- Needles, Pharmaceuticals, Medical Waste
- Tires
- Trash
- Spray Foam Insulation
- Cylinders

Accepted Items

- Flammables
- Oil-Based Paint
- Spray Paint
- Stains
- Old Gasoline
- Gasoline Mixed with Oil
- Motor Oil
- Kerosene
- Lighter Fluid
- Toxics- Fluorescent light bulbs including Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs) and ballasts, fire extinguishers, antifreeze, insecticides, lawn chemicals and fertilizers, rat poison, etc.
- Batteries- all batteries including alkaline, computer, vehicle, and others. New and used can catch fire if stored in close contact with each other. Batteries should always be stored in storage cases made for this purpose or in original packaging.
- Corrosives- acids, caustics, bleach, household cleaners, paint strippers
- Reactives- cyanides, pool chemicals, etc
- Fats, Oils, and Greases- items will be accepted if delivered in a tightly sealed container
- Oxygen Tanks
- Polishes
- Propane Cylinders and Tanks
- Helium Tanks
- Smoke Detectors
- Thermostats Containing Mercury
- Thinners
- Turpentine