

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE HOME CHECK LIST

**How many hazardous chemicals do you have in your home? Use this checklist to find out. CAUTION: Children SHOULD NOT touch chemicals nor complete this checklist without the supervision of an adult.**

## CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOME:

- ammonia \_\_\_\_\_
- detergents \_\_\_\_\_
- drain cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- floor wax \_\_\_\_\_
- furniture polish \_\_\_\_\_
- metal polish \_\_\_\_\_
- mothballs \_\_\_\_\_
- oven cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- septic tank cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- spot removers \_\_\_\_\_
- window cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- aerosol sprays \_\_\_\_\_
- nail polish remover \_\_\_\_\_
- toilet bowl cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- tub & tile cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- artificial dyes \_\_\_\_\_
- glues & cements \_\_\_\_\_
- household batteries \_\_\_\_\_
- paints & stains \_\_\_\_\_
- photo chemicals \_\_\_\_\_
- pool chemicals \_\_\_\_\_
- stain & varnish removers \_\_\_\_\_
- thermometers \_\_\_\_\_
- turpentine & paint removers \_\_\_\_\_
- varnish \_\_\_\_\_
- wood sealers \_\_\_\_\_
- brake fluid \_\_\_\_\_
- car & truck batteries \_\_\_\_\_
- lighter fluid \_\_\_\_\_
- motor oil \_\_\_\_\_
- tires \_\_\_\_\_
- transmission fluid \_\_\_\_\_
- fungicides \_\_\_\_\_
- herbicides \_\_\_\_\_
- insect repellents \_\_\_\_\_
- pesticides \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO ABOUT THESE PRODUCTS?

1. **IDENTIFY THEM:** Look for the following words and phrases on labels:

**WARNING \* CAUTION \* DANGER**

**Flammable, Volatile, Toxic, Corrosive, Caustic, Reactive, Poison, Contains Phosphates, Eye Irritant, Harmful if Swallowed, Do Not Mix, Wear Rubber Gloves.**

2. **USE UP ENTIRELY:** Always read labels and follow directions carefully. If you can't use a product up, try to find a neighbor, friend, or community organization who can.
3. **STORE IN A COOL DRY PLACE:** Between collection events or trips to the recycling center, keep all hazardous products in original containers with lids fastened securely. Do not mix, combine, or consolidate them.
4. **RECYCLE OR TAKE TO COLLECTION SITE:** Never throw hazardous products away with your regular trash. Motor oil, brake and transmission fluid, antifreeze, and car batteries can be recycled at most service stations.
5. **USE ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE PRODUCTS:** Use latex paints instead of oil based paints. Look for products that say: "Environmentally safe", "biodegradable", "contains no phosphorus", "non-toxic", "non-corrosive", "low VOC" (Volatile Organic Compounds that cause paint "fumes.").
6. **DON'T LET PRODUCTS GO TO WASTE:** Buy only what is needed to do the job. Avoid over-purchasing with the thought that it can be used later.