



Do your part to prevent water pollution in our creeks, rivers, bays, and ocean.

Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and ocean are important to Los Angeles County. However, not properly disposing of household hazardous waste can lead to water pollution. Batteries, electronics, paint, oil, gardening chemicals, cleaners and other hazardous materials cannot be thrown in the trash. They also must never be poured or thrown into yards, sidewalks, driveways, gutters or streets. Rain or other water could wash the materials into the storm drain and eventually into

our waterways and the ocean. In addition, hazardous waste must not be poured in the sanitary sewers (sinks and toilets).

***NEVER DISPOSE
OF HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS
WASTE IN THE
TRASH, STREET,
GUTTER,
STORM DRAIN,
OR SEWER.***

For more information,
please call the
City of Whittier
Public Works Department
at (562) 567-9500
or visit
www.cityofwhittier.org

To report illegal dumping of
household hazardous waste
or to report a spill, call the
Los Angeles County
24-Hour Water Pollution
Reporting Hotline
at 1-888-CLEAN-LA
(1-888-253-2652)

For emergencies, dial 911.



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Help Prevent Ocean Pollution:

Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste



**The Ocean Begins at
Your Front Door**

P R O J E C T
Pollution
P R E V E N T I O N



Pollution Prevention

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive

ingredients are considered to be “household hazardous waste” or “HHW.” HHW can be found throughout your home, including the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and garage.

*WHEN POSSIBLE,
USE
NON-HAZARDOUS
OR
LESS-HAZARDOUS
PRODUCTS.*

Disposal of HHW down the drain, on the ground, into storm drains, or in the trash is illegal and unsafe.

Proper disposal of HHW is actually easy. Simply drop them off at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC) or at the nearest HHW/E-Waste collection event for free disposal and recycling. Many materials including anti-freeze, latex-based paint, motor oil and batteries can be recycled. Some centers have a “Stop & Swap” program that lets you take partially used home, garden, and automobile products free of charge. There are nine permanent HHWCCs in Los Angeles County:

Los Angeles:.....550 Charles E Young Dr W
Los Angeles:.....4600 Colorado Blvd
Los Angeles:.....2649 E Washington Blvd

Northridge:.....10241 N Balboa Blvd
Palmdale:.....1200 W City Ranch Rd
Playa del Rey:.....7660 W Imperial Hwy, Gate B
San Pedro:.....1400 N Gaffey St
Signal Hill:.....2755 California Ave
Sun Valley:.....11025 Randall St

Hours of operation vary by location. All centers are closed on rainy days and major holidays. For more information or a schedule of upcoming HHW/E-Waste collection events, please call (888) 253-2652 or visit www.CleanLA.com.

Common household hazardous wastes

- Batteries
- Paint and paint products
- Adhesives
- Drain openers
- Household cleaning products
- Wood and metal cleaners and polishes
- Pesticides
- Fungicides/wood preservatives
- Automotive products (antifreeze, motor oil, fluids)
- Grease and rust solvents
- Fluorescent lamps
- Mercury (thermometers & thermostats)
- All forms of electronic waste including computers and microwaves

- Pool & spa chemicals
- Cleaners
- Medications
- Propane (camping & BBQ)
- Mercury-containing lamps
- Television & monitors (CRTs, flatscreens)

Tips for household hazardous waste

- Never dispose of HHW in the trash, street, gutter, storm drain or sewer.
- Keep these materials in closed, labeled containers and store materials indoors or under a cover.
- When possible, use non-hazardous products.
- Reuse products whenever possible or share with family and friends.
- Purchase only as much of a product as you’ll need. Empty containers may be disposed of in the trash.
- HHW can be harmful to humans, pets and the environment. Report emergencies to 911.

