Instead of this:

You can use this:

**Household Cleaner**
Combine 1 tsp liquid soap, 1 tsp borax, 1 squeeze of lemon, and 1 qt warm water.

**Window Cleaner**
Combine 2 tsp vinegar with 1 qt warm water.

**Disinfectant**
Combine 1/4 cup borax with 1/2 gallon hot water.

**Drain Cleaner**
Pour 1/2 cup borax in drain followed by 2 cups boiling water.

**Toilet Cleaner**
Pour 1/4 cup baking soda into bowl and drizzle with vinegar. Let sit for 1/2 hour. Scrub and flush.

**Mildew Remover**
Dissolve 1/2 cup vinegar with 1/2 cup borax in warm water.

**Carpet Cleaner**
Sprinkle cornstarch or baking soda on dry rug and vacuum.

**Furniture Polish**
Mix two parts olive/vegetable oil to one part lemon juice. Apply mixture and let stand for several hours. Polish with dry, soft cloth.

**Silver Polish**
Soak items in 1 qt warm water mixed with 1 tsp baking soda, 1 tsp salt and a small piece of aluminium foil.

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### Did You Know?
- Americans generate 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste (HHW) per year.
- The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of HHW in the basement, garage and other storage areas.
- In 2019, Anne Arundel County paid $302,500 to dispose of HHW received from residents.

### You Can Help Reduce Your HHW Disposal Costs

**Reduce Your HHW**
The best way to deal with HHW is to avoid creating it. The following tips can help you do just that.

- **Purchase Less.** Buy only the amount you need, even if a larger container offers a price discount.
- **Use it up.** Use up all of the products you have before you buy any more. Most products do not expire.
- **Give it away.** Find someone or any charity that can use your excess material.
- **Simplify.** Use multi-purpose cleaners rather than having a full collection of specialized products.
- **Use safer alternatives.** Buy less-toxic alternatives. Avoid the ones with the words “poison” or “danger” on the label. These safer items can be found in your local grocery store.
Disposing of Household Hazardous Products Safely

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days provide opportunities for County residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals.

Items accepted include:
- Oil-based paints & staining agents
- Paint solvents
- Pesticides & Fertilizer
- Household & automotive cleaners
- Oil and antifreeze contaminated with water or other products
- Pool chemicals
- Gasoline, Kerosene & other fuels
- Hand-held signal, smoke & roadside flares
- Mercury vapor lamps
- Button batteries
- Thermostats
- Thermometers

The following mercury containing items are accepted:
- Mercury has many uses, but it can also be harmful to residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals.

Items Not Accepted
- Oil-based paints (A,C,D) may be disposed of in your regular trash.
- NiCad (rechargeable), camera and watch batteries may be recycled at any recycling center year round.
- Alkaline batteries (A,C,D) may be disposed of in your regular trash.
- Pool chemicals
- Gasoline, Kerosene & other fuels
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Mercury
- Mercury is a silver colored, heavy metal that can change from a liquid to a gas. Mercury has many uses, but it can also be harmful to humans and wildlife.
- The following mercury containing items are accepted:
  - Thermometers
  - Thermostats
  - Button batteries
  - Fluorescent light tubes
  - Mercury vapor lamps

Safety Tips
- Please follow these tips for quick and safe disposal:
  - Read labels for safe handling instructions.
  - Keep products in their original containers.
  - Place several small containers together in a non-returnable box for quicker processing.
  - Do not mix products.

Cooking Oil and Latex Paint
If you have no future use for your excess latex paint, please give it to a friend or donate it to a local charity.
- Cooking oil and latex paint are not accepted curbside. They are not hazardous and are accepted for disposal at all recycling centers. Latex paint should be solidified before it is dropped off. Mix with kitty litter, sawdust, or dirt to harden. For disposal, please seal the hardened paint in its original container, then bring the container(s) to any recycling center year round. Do not mix oil with paint.

Medical Waste – Needles and unwanted medications are accepted year round at all police stations. Properly packaged materials are also accepted as trash curbside and at any recycling center year round from residential customers ONLY.

Compressed Gas Tanks – Contact the supplier or manufacturer.
- Explosives – Call Anne Arundel County Fire Marshal Division at 410-222-7884 for assistance.
- Ammunition – Call Anne Arundel County Police Department at 410-222-8610 for assistance.
- Smoke Detectors – Mail back to the manufacturer or accepted as trash curbside and at any recycling center year round.
- Fire Extinguishers – Contact the supplier or manufacturer.

Oil and antifreeze contaminated with water or other products
- Pool chemicals
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AERIAL & PARACHUTE FLARES ARE NOT ACCEPTED
- Asbestos / Asbestos shingles & tiles
- Hand-held signal, smoke & roadside flares
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Moving?
- Most moving companies will not transport oil-based paint, solvents, pesticides, weed killers, combustibles, or other hazardous materials. Be sure to plan ahead and visit us at one of the locations and dates listed on the front of this brochure.

Over half of all hazardous materials accepted are recycled. Other hazardous materials that are dropped off are either disposed of in hazardous waste landfills or incinerators. These services are provided by a private company under contract to the County.

How Much of All Hazardous Material is Recoverable?

60% Recycled
40% Disposed

New disposal areas at the Millersville landfill, called “cells,” are double-lined and include a system that collects any liquids which may pass through the first liner. This liquid is removed, treated, and disposed of at a County water reclamation facility.

When full, cells are “capped” in order to prevent rain from soaking in. Despite these advances in landfill management, it is still important that the waste stream be detoxified. We rely on programs like the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day and your cooperation to make this happen.

Hazardous Waste Facts and History
Anne Arundel County began collecting household hazardous waste in 1988. Since then, the program has served over 85,500 customers, removing 7,377,548 pounds of toxic chemicals and household/boating products from the waste stream.

Unless used or disposed according to directions, household chemicals present a threat to the environment. Special handling is required for proper disposal.

In the past, common home, garden and automotive products were tossed into the household trash and buried in landfills. However, we now know this presents an increased threat to the surface and ground water that we drink.

As rain percolates through a landfill, it picks up and carries with it traces of chemicals in the layers of trash. Eventually, both the rain and the chemicals could reach public and private drinking supplies and other bodies of water.

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For more information call 410-222-7951 or visit www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/waste-management

Individuals needing special accommodations should contact the Recycling Division at least seven (7) working days prior to the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day at 410-222-7951, or the Maryland Relay Service at 711.