How to prepare for a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event.

During the events, trained personnel will ask you to remain in your car while they unload the HHW from your trunk. To make unloading safe for staff and fast for you: Tightly secure all container lids to avoid leaks and spills then set your HHW in plastic totes or boxes to contain accidental spills during transport.

- Call 410-222-7951 before an event if you have any drums of material.
- Transfer large amounts of fuel into travel-safe gas cans so staff can empty them and return them back to the owner for reuse.
- Keep materials in their original packaging, when possible, and label any material that had to be packed in alternative containers. Never mix different types of HHW in one container.
- Secure your material in your vehicle’s trunk, backseat or truck bed, to keep it safely away from passengers during transport.
- Make sure items can be easily accessed. Never cover or block your materials under other items like trash or yard waste.

- This program is for Anne Arundel County Residents only.
- Commercial vehicles and commercial waste are not accepted.

For more information on the household hazardous waste program, visit www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-days or call 410-222-7951.
In 2019, Anne Arundel County paid nearly $302,500 to dispose of HHW received from residents. Although proper disposal of HHW is important, it is even more important to avoid purchasing hazardous items and substitute them with non-hazardous alternatives.

The more you use safe alternatives, the less we spend on disposal of HHW. The more HHW you dispose of, the less we save during these tough budgetary times. Choosing safer alternatives is the difference between money saved and money spent.

You can help reduce the cost of this program by using up your items or choosing safer alternatives. So ask yourself, “Why unnecessarily buy something that is harmful and expensive to dispose of when you could choose an alternative that’s safer and cheaper to manage?”

For a list of safe alternatives, please visit
www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-days

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. Once empty, discard container with regular trash.

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.

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