

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is leftover household products that are **flammable, corrosive, reactive** or **poisonous**. It also includes some liquid products that should not be disposed of in the garbage or down the drain.

Important Notice!

The RDN does **NOT** accept materials included in B.C.'s **Provincial HHW Recycling Programs**.

Provincial HHW Recycling Programs accept only select recyclable materials, such as:

- Paints and stains*
- Used oil and antifreeze*
- Flammable liquids and gasoline*
- Batteries*
- Medications*
- Pesticides*

**Exclusions and drop-off conditions exist*

These materials can be returned to participating recycling depots without an appointment and at no additional charge. Find out where at rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where. See the back of this pamphlet to learn more about these programs.

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Program Eligibility

This program is open to RDN residents only.

Reduce Your HHW Output

Only buy as much as you need. **Consider donating** unused products to non-profit organizations or offer them to a friend or neighbour.

B.C.'s Recycling Programs

B.C. requires that producers of certain product types must collect and recycle their waste products and packaging. This approach to recycling is called **Extended Producer Responsibility** (EPR). Similar products, like paints and stains, are often managed by a single EPR program.

EPR programs are funded by environmental handling fees that are added to consumer purchases of program products.

To learn more, visit gov.bc.ca and search for **Extended Producer Responsibility**.



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Scheduling an HHW Drop-Off

To drop off your HHW at an RDN solid waste facility, you are first required to **register your HHW**. This step will:

- Ensure prohibited materials are directed to the proper disposal locations
- Improve safety for residents and RDN staff
- Reduce disposal fees and operational costs

STEP 1

Register your HHW materials:

- Online at rdn.bc.ca/hhw,
- Use the **RDN Curbside app**, or
- Call the RDN HHW hotline **250-390-5427**

STEP 2

Schedule a drop-off appointment by selecting from the available time slots.

STEP 3

RDN staff will review your registration request and send you a **confirmation email**. Read this email carefully as it contains important information to help keep you and RDN staff safe!

HHW Fees and Surcharges

Fees and surcharges are subject to change.

CATEGORY	0-25 KG	OVER 25 KG
A HHW	\$10 (flat rate)	\$0.30/kg
B Surcharge for Special HHW*	\$20	
C Surcharge per pressurized cylinder, non-refillable	\$10	
D Surcharge per pressurized cylinder, refillable	\$50	
E Surcharge for loads of HHW containing unidentifiable (unknown) items.	\$5	

*Special HHW includes highly toxic materials that require special handling.

Accepted Materials

The following items are accepted in the RDN's HHW program. Please note that this is not a complete list. If you don't see an item in the list below, you can look it up at rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where

AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

- Air conditioner refrigerant
- Auto body filler
- Auto body paint (non-aerosol)
- Detailing products:
 - Cleaners and shampoos
 - Polishes and waxes
 - Protectants
 - Tire shine
- Diesel fuel (in a ULC-approved container)
- Fuel and oil additives
- Hardeners (curing agents)
- Oil or fuel-soaked fabrics or debris
- Windshield washer fluid

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

- Bleach
- Cleaners:
 - All-purpose cleaner
 - Ammonia
 - Glass cleaner
 - Metal cleaner
 - Oven cleaner
 - Toilet bowl cleaner
 - Tub and tile cleaner
 - Upholstery cleaner
- Disinfectants
- Drain opener
- Lamp oil, torch oil and lighter fluid
- Lye (sodium hydroxide)
- Muriatic acid (hydrochloric acid)
- Polishes and waxes
- Pool and hot tub chemicals
- Rust remover and descaler
- Spot and stain remover

BUILDING SUPPLY PRODUCTS

- Caulking
- Foam sealant
- Glues/adhesives (non-flammable)
- Paint-related products:
 - Craft and artist's paints
 - Non-liquid paints
 - Paint additives and tints
 - Two-part paints
- Sealers
- Resins and fillers
- Solvents (non-flammable)
- Tar, asphalt and rubber-based coatings

HOBBY CHEMICALS

- Chemistry sets
- Electroplating solutions
- Home laboratory chemicals
- Metal and glass etchants
- Photographic chemicals

COMPRESSED GASES

- Bear spray
- Butane canisters
- Non-refillable gas cylinders
- Refillable gas cylinders (125 cf max)
- Two-part spray foam kit

GARDENING & PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS

- Chemical fertilizers
- Flea/tick pet products
- Insect and pest repellents
- Pesticides (label missing the Poison Symbol or the word "DOMESTIC")

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

- Hair dye
- Hairspray
- Nail polish remover
- Rubbing alcohol

MERCURY-CONTAINING PRODUCTS

- Liquid mercury
- Mercury switches
- Thermometers and barometers
- Thermostats

Prohibited Materials

The following materials are **NOT** accepted in the RDN's HHW program. Visit rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where for disposal options.

- Provincial HHW Recycling Program materials
- Agricultural, business, industrial or institutional hazardous wastes
- Ammo, fireworks and flares
- Bilge water
- Biohazardous and pharmaceutical substances
- Toxic, corrosive or unlabeled gases
- Non-hazardous wastes:
 - Dried out products
 - Empty containers
 - Personal care products (unless labeled flammable)
 - Spent sorbent materials