

# Household Hazardous Waste

Almost every home and farm contains hazardous products, or products that can harm human and animal health or the environment if improperly handled. Such products include those used in cleaning, home improvements, lawn and garden care, farming, automotive care and hobbies.

Each year, exposure or accidents involving hazardous household products injure thousands of people. Because of the dangers they pose, these products require special awareness, handling and disposal. In order to protect our health and the environment here in Northern Wisconsin, every consumer should know how to properly use, store, and dispose of hazardous household products.

The Northwest Cleansweep program promotes the safe use, storage and disposal of hazardous materials by educating consumers to:

- identify and avoid potentially hazardous products
- buy only what is needed, use it completely or share leftovers with someone who can use it
- recycle those materials that can be recycled
- dispose of leftover or unwanted products through hazardous waste collection facilities
- choose to buy the least hazardous product to get the job done

The Northwest Cleansweep Program conducts special mobile hazardous waste collections each summer and all residents of our 10-county region are encouraged to participate. The products being accepted free of charge to households are oil-based paint, antifreeze, pesticides and herbicides, batteries (rechargeable and button only), household cleaners, old gasoline and aerosols. There will be a nominal charge for items such as fluorescent and high-density light bulbs, oil filters and computer systems.

If you have an item that is not listed above, check our [Special Waste](#) link to determine where you should dispose/recycle it. If you are unable to find information on something, please call or email Jen at [jbarton@nwrpc.com](mailto:jbarton@nwrpc.com). Businesses and farmers are also encouraged to participate in these summer events. The service is free to farmers, with a nominal fee imposed for businesses. Registration is encouraged for both businesses and farmers. NW Cleansweep also offers a valuable service to area businesses, which provides a special pick up during

the fall and spring months. This program is called the Milk Run Program and all area businesses may participate. [Click here](#) or call Bill for details.

Used motor oil will not be accepted at these events, however Spooner Auto and Truck Repair (located at 322 River Street in Spooner), Minong Transfer Station and Grantsburg Recycling Center do accept used motor oil that is free of water, antifreeze or any other substances. This service is free of charge.

Any questions or comments will be answered by calling Bill at Northwest Regional Planning Commission 715-635-2197. If you are interested in finding environmentally friendly ways to clean and disinfect click [here](#) to see the Greener Cleaning Guide.



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