



Household Hazard Waste



Do the products you use in your home pose a hazard to your drinking water? The fact is, many of the products used in the home--if not used, stored and disposed of properly--may find their way into your drinking water supply. Some examples of these products include aerosol cleaners, bug spray, charcoal lighter fluid, fertilizer with weed killer, pesticides, used motor oil, batteries and fluorescent lights. Even small amounts of hazardous chemicals contained in many of these products can be hazardous to you, your family, and the environment. Improperly used, stored, or disposed of household products containing hazardous chemicals have the potential to enter the area's groundwater aquifer by infiltrating from the land surface through the soils.

The City is working cooperatively with the County solid waste office and homeowners to implement preventative measures to help protect the drinking water of its residents.

SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR DRINKING WATER

- Check your kitchen, basement, and garage. If any labels contain any of these words: *CAUTION. WARNING. DANGER. POISON.* Those products may contain hazardous chemicals.
- Keep track of the products used in your household and keep a minimum supply on hand.
- Ensure that the products in your household are stored in a safe place and according to manufacturer's instructions.
- If you have unwanted products that contain hazardous chemicals
 - DON'T throw them in the garbage!
 - DON'T pour them down the drain!
 - DON'T pour them down the storm water drain!
 - DON'T pour them on the ground!
- Always be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions when using products containing hazardous chemicals.
- Follow all MN Pollution Control Agency requirements and recommended practices concerning the disposal of products containing hazardous chemicals

For additional information visit <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/hhw/index.html>, <http://www.mrwa.com>, or to identify the county's household hazardous waste collection location site contact the County solid waste management office or the City.

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