



Antrim County 2009



Household Hazardous Waste

May 2nd, 2009– Bellaire

August 15th, 2009– Elk Rapids

(Both sites will be held from 8:00amó 2:00pm)

What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)? Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be HHW. Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them.

Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. Many communities in the United States offer a variety of options for conveniently and safely managing HHW.

Cost: Televisions, medical waste and pesticides are accepted free. **All other items are free up to the first 50 lbs. A charge of \$.50 per pound thereafter will be enforced.**

Accepted Items

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| Compact fluorescent lights bulbs | Electronics | Mercury |
| Items containing mercury | Cleaners | Pool chemicals |
| Herbicides | Propane tanks | Poisons |
| Outdated/unwanted medicines | Fertilizers | Batteries |
| Used motor oil | Gasoline | Chemicals |
| Oil based paint | Kerosene | Auto Fluids |

Unaccepted Items

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| Latex Paint | Ammunition | Radioactive Items |
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Please Call, (231) 533-8363 to make an appointment

What are Household Hazardous Wastes?

Banned pesticides, dirty paint thinner and used motor oil are just few examples of household hazardous waste (HHW). These items are commonly found in the home and it only takes a small amount of some HHW to pollute a large area of water, soil or air.

There is an alternative to pouring these HHW into a drain or throwing them into the garbage. HHW can be properly disposed of during the Antrim County Household Hazardous Waste drop off days, **May 2, and August 15th.**

Cost

The first 50 pounds is **free** and only 0.50 cents a pound thereafter. The reason there is a cost to dispose of HHW properly is because it helps pay Drug and Lab Disposal INC, the company collecting the HHW. They charge us \$0.96 a pound, in addition to an \$800 site fee per location. Last year Antrim County collected over 15,000 pounds of household hazardous waste. Antrim County covers the excess cost of the collection each year and the site fees, which is a great benefit to our community. Please remember to thank your County Commissioners if you appreciate this service.

To save money, before bringing an item, answer a few quick questions. Can I use this item safely? Could a friend use this item safely? Is there an alternative place that could use this item?

Alternative Disposal Options

- **Call your local Auto Shop and ask if they take used motor oil for recycling.**
- **Habitat for Humanity's Restore in Mancelona accepts unwanted oil or latex based paint as long as the can is not rusted, and is 3/4 full. Call (231) 587-9965.**
- **Goodwill in Traverse City accepts used computer and computer accessories any time.**
- **Antrim County Police Department will accept all unused ammunition.**
- **Latex paint can be disposed of in the trash. Open the paint cans and let the paint dry out. then dispose it in the trash.**
- **Auto batteries can be taken to The Rifkin Group (231) 946-3499 in Traverse City for free.**