

DID YOU KNOW...?

- Hazardous chemicals poured into a storm sewer release vapors that can collect, possibly resulting in explosions or fires.



- Unfinished aerosol cans placed in garbage may explode when compacted by a solid waste collection vehicle.



- 1 gallon of motor oil poured on the ground or down a storm drain can contaminate over one million gallons of drinking water!



Federal law requires makers of hazardous products to list **signal words:**

DANGER or **POISON** = highly toxic, corrosive or extremely flammable.

WARNING or **CAUTION** = the product is moderately or slightly toxic.

Reduce your risks of injury!



Store hazardous products away from children and pets!
Read the product's label before use!
Buy only what you need or can use!
Recycle used motor oil and antifreeze at designated areas!
Keep your home clean to prevent pest problems!



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For more information about Fulton County Household Hazardous Waste program and education and outreach opportunities contact

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What is a household hazardous product?

A solid, liquid or contained gaseous material that is discarded from homes and can be **ignitable**, **corrosive**, **reactive**, or **toxic**.

What makes a product hazardous?

Products are considered hazardous if they have one or more of the following properties...



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Hazardous products can be

IGNITABLE/ COMBUSTIBLE:

Items that can be easily set on fire.



EXPLOSIVE/REACTIVE:



Items that can detonate or explode through exposure to heat, sudden shock, pressure or incompatible substances.

CORROSIVE:

Substance that contains chemicals that can burn and/or destroy living tissues and other materials that are brought into contact with it.



TOXIC:

Capable of causing injury or death through ingestion, inhalation or skin absorption. Some toxic substances cause cancer, genetic mutations and fetal harm.

Some Environmentally Friendly Alternatives to Common Hazardous Products



Aerosol Air Fresheners

- Put an open box of baking soda out
- Set out a dish of vinegar
- Add cloves, cinnamon and vanilla to boiling water and simmer 5 minutes
- Fill a big bowl with potpourri

Ant Control

- Pour a line of cream of tartar at place where ants enter house
- Sprinkle red chili, paprika or dried peppermint where ants enter
- Caulk or weather strip entry points

Chlorine Bleach

- Use safer & less destructive dry bleach to whiten

Disinfectant

- Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of borax with 1 gallon of water

Drain Opener

- Plunger or mechanical snake
- Handful of baking soda and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vinegar, followed by boiling water
- Use enzymatic biological drain cleaner
- To prevent clogging, flush drain weekly with boiling water

Window Cleaner

- Use $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vinegar in 1 gallon warm water, use newspaper to dry glass

All-Purpose Cleaners

- Mix 1 quart of water with 1 teaspoon of liquid soap and lemon juice
- Mix baking soda with water

Metal Polish

- Brass - Worcestershire sauce
- Chrome - Apple cider vinegar or baking soda and soft cloth
- Copper - Vinegar and salt; or lemon and salt
- Pewter - Rub with fine steel wool dipped in olive oil, wash in soapy water and dry; or polish with cabbage leaves
- Silver - Soak in 1 quart warm water with 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon salt, and piece of aluminum foil; or rub with ammonia and soft cloth; or soak in buttermilk or sour milk overnight
- Stainless steel - Wash with 1 quart warm water and 3 tablespoons baking soda; rinse with hot water

Garden Insecticides

- Select pest-resistant plants
- Plant garlic cloves at 1-foot intervals in gardens
- Use traps or spray soaps
- Blend 6 cloves crushed garlic, 1 minced onion, 1 tablespoon dried hot pepper, and 1 teaspoon pure soap in 1 gallon hot water; let sit 1-2 days; strain; spray on plants