

HOW TO PACK HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

GENERAL RULES

Packing your hazardous household waste correctly keeps you and our staff safe. It also efficiently sorts your materials to be processed by program staff.



If possible, place your items in the bed or trunk of your vehicle. This way, your hazardous household waste is contained and away from people in the event of a spill. **(Do not place propane tanks or other gas cylinders in the trunk due to risk of explosion or fire.)**

If possible, place items in hard plastic totes or cardboard boxes to contain potential spills. Your containers will be returned to you.



Bring items in original containers if possible. If an item does not have a label or is not in the original container, write a brief description of the item on the container using a permanent marker.

Containers that are larger than 6 gallons will not be accepted at the facility because they are too large for our staff to safely lift or pour. Call the Washtenaw County Public Works Division Hotline at 734-222-3950 for information on how to repackage these items.



Do not bring items in glass bottles or jars unless it is the original container. Glass containers can shatter and break, creating a hazard for you and program staff.

Leave 2 inches of space for motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, or other fuels at the top of a 1 gallon or larger container. This reduces spill risks and makes it easier for our staff to pour off (“bulk”) into larger drums without splashing.

