



City of Houston
Solid Waste Management Department
Environmental Service Center (ESC)
Standard Operating Rules and Regulations



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers

Environment Service Center - NORTH

5614 Neches St.
Houston, TX 77026

FACILITY HOURS: 2nd Thursday of each month
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Environment Service Center - SOUTH

11500 S. Post Oak Rd.
Houston, TX 77035

FACILITY HOURS: Tuesday and Wednesday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
2nd Saturday of each month
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For information call 832-393-7766

For your safety, please observe the following regulations in preparing for your visit to the HHW:

- A maximum of 15 gallons or 125 pounds may be transported per vehicle, per trip (Department of Transportation Requirement). *It is illegal to exceed these limits.*
- Containers larger than five (5) gallons will not be accepted.
- Containers will NOT be returned, except for oil containers, upon request.
- Materials such as paint, pesticide, fertilizer, etc. should be in original containers (except motor oil, fuels, and antifreeze).
- All containers must have lids, be sturdy, non-leaking, labeled and protected from breakage.
- Do not combine different types of waste.
- Do not mix oil based paint with latex paint.
- Empty containers with lids removed can be discarded in the trash at your residence or the nearest Neighborhood Depository site. Any paint should be dried prior to disposal.



ReStore - ESC South Only

(Craft Items, Books, Post Consumer & Industrial Scrap)

The ReStore, which acts as a book swap, a recycling information library, as well as a repository for craft items and post-consumer and postindustrial scrap (useful for art projects), is located at the ESC- South. Items can be dropped off at Westpark and the ESCs during normal service times. Items can be taken away from 9am – 12 noon every Friday during the *Reuse Chemical Take-Away*.

Reuse Chemicals for Shopping Day - ESC South Only

Every Friday from 9 am – 12 noon, household chemicals and paint that were brought to the ESC for disposal, but appear to be in good condition are made available for citizen reuse. Citizens may take away these items on a limited basis at no charge. A signed liability waiver will be required before removing materials from the site.

What to bring to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center

Cleaning Products:

Bleach (laundry)
Drain cleaners
Oven cleaners
Pool chemicals
Toilet cleaners
Tub, tile, shower cleaners
Wood and metal cleaners and polishes

Workshop/Painting Supplies:

Adhesives and glues
Aerosol cans
Fixatives and other solvents
Furniture strippers
Oil or enamel-based paint
Paint strippers and removers
Paint thinners and turpentine
Photographic chemicals
Stains and finishes

Lawn and Garden Products:

Fungicides/wood preservatives
Herbicides
Insecticides
Fertilizer

Miscellaneous:

Batteries
Compact Fluorescent Tubes
Driveway sealer
Fluorescent light bulbs
Mercury thermostats or thermometers
Up to five (5) tires without rims

Automotive Products:

Air conditioning refrigerants
Antifreeze
Automotive batteries
Carburetor and fuel injection cleaners
Fuel additives
Motor oil
Starter fluids
Transmission and brake fluid

Indoor Pesticides:

Ant sprays and baits
Bug sprays
Cockroach sprays and baits
Flea repellents and shampoos
Houseplant insecticides
Moth repellents
Mouse and rat poisons and baits

Other Flammable Products:

CO2 cartridges (lecture bottle or smaller)
Diesel fuel
Fire Extinguishers under 40 lbs.
Gas/oil mix (5-gallon or smaller)
Helium tanks
Home heating oil
Kerosene
Lighter flu id
Propane tanks (5-gallon or smaller)

Electronic Recycling (Remove data before disposal)

Alarm clocks	I-pods & MP3 players
Blood glucose monitors (sterilized)	Microwave ovens (home use)
Camcorders	PDAs
CD players	Programmable kitchen appliances
Cell phones	Printer/scanner/fax
Computer monitors (CRTs & flat screens)	Radios of all types (car & home)
Computers/CPUs/laptops	Stereos (no speakers)
Copiers (home use, desktop)	Telephones & answering machines
Digital cameras	Televisions (CRTs & flat screens)
Digital thermometers	VCRs
Display boards on exercise equipment	Video game consoles & accessories
DVD players	Walkie-talkies
Hand-held electronic devices	

HHW Collection Centers cannot accept the following items:

Asbestos
Ammunition
Biological waste
Commercial Waste
Explosives
Radioactive materials
(including smoke detectors)
High-pressure cylinders
(acetylene, oxygen air tanks-SCUBA or SCBA)

Visit www.houstonsolidwaste.com for disposal information of these items.

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "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.

Note Regarding Disposal of Expired and Unused Medicine

Most medicines used in a home are not considered hazardous waste. They can be disposed of in the trash after being secured in durable packaging. Specific disposal instructions can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm101653.htm>.

Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center

NORTH

9003 N Main
Houston, TX 77022

NORTHWEST

14400 Sommermeyer
Houston, TX 77041

NORTHEAST

5565 Kirkpatrick
Houston, TX 77028

SOUTH

5100 Sunbeam
Houston, TX 77033

SOUTHWEST

10785 SW Freeway
Houston, TX 77074

SOUTHEAST

2240 Central Street
Houston, TX 77017

Neighborhood Recycling Drop-off

Westpark Recycling Center

5900 Westpark
Houston, TX 77057

Clear Lake/Ellington Airport Recycling Center

Highway 3 @ Brantly Ave.
Houston, TX 77037

Kingwood Recycling Center

3210 West Lake Houston Parkway
Houston, TX 77339