

Household Hazardous Wastes

Safe Alternatives

All-purpose cleaner for kitchen and bathroom surfaces

Baking soda: Dissolve 4 tablespoons baking soda in 1 quart warm water for a cleaning solution or use baking soda sprinkled on a damp sponge.

Drain Cleaner

Prevention: Use a strainer to trap food particles and hair. Collect grease in cans rather than pouring it down the drain, and pour a kettle of boiling water down the drain weekly to melt fat that may be building up in the drain.



Baking Soda & Vinegar: Put 1/2 cup baking soda and then 1/2 cup white vinegar down your drain and cover the drain. Let set for a few minutes, then pour a kettle of boiling water down the drain to flush it.



Furniture Polish

Olive Oil & Lemon Juice: Mix 2 parts olive oil and 1 part lemon juice. Apply and polish with a soft cloth.

Pests & Rodents

Try baits or traps. Use ready-to-use formulas. Choose least toxic or non-toxic pest control solution.



“Trap Me, I’m Friendly”

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Lime & Mineral Deposit Remover

Vinegar: Soak rags or paper towels in vinegar and place them on hard lime deposits around faucets for about an hour before cleaning them.

Metal shower heads: To remove deposits, combine 1/2 cup white vinegar and 1 quart of water. Place shower head completely in mixture and boil for 15 minutes.

Plastic shower heads: Combine 1 pint white vinegar and 1 pint hot water. Place shower head in mixture and soak for about an hour. Rinse before using.



Metal Cleaner/Polish

Crème of Tartar: To remove stains and discoloration from aluminum cookware, fill cookware with hot water and add 2 tablespoons crème of tartar to each quart of water. Bring solution to a boil and simmer 10 minutes. Wash as usual and dry.

Worcestershire Sauce:

Dampened a soft cloth with Worcestershire sauce and use to polish unlacquered brass to a shine.



Spot Remover

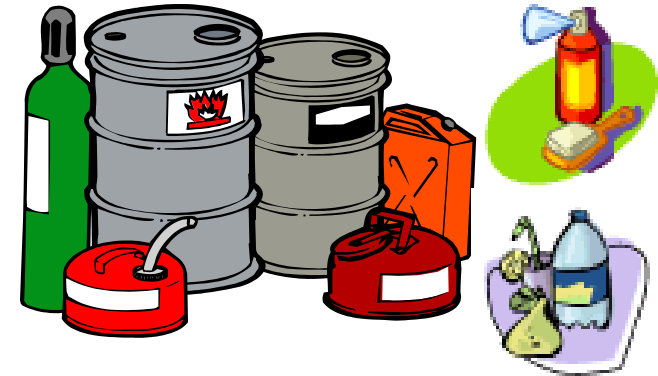
Club Soda: Rinse or sponge blood and chocolate stains immediately with club soda. Repeat as necessary. Wash as usual.

Crème of tartar & Lemon Juice:

Need to remove ink stains? Put crème of tartar on the stain and squeeze a few drops of lemon juice over it. Rub into the stain for a minute, brush off powder, and sponge with warm water or launder.



St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Household Hazardous Waste Information Sheet



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About Household Hazardous
Wastes



What Are Household Hazardous Wastes?

You buy household products and once you no longer have any use for them they become household hazardous wastes. Household products are considered hazardous if they have one or more of the following properties:



Corrosive—May cause burns to the skin and corrode metal



Flammable—Ignites easily



Toxic—Poisonous



Reactive—React violently when exposed to heat, shock, or other chemicals

What types of hazardous products may I find in my home?

There are many types hazardous products, but they usually can be broken into different categories:

Automotive products: Gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, car wax and cleaners, lead-acid batteries, brake fluid, transmission fluid.



Home Improvement

Products: Paint, varnish, stain, paint thinner, paint stripper, caulk, adhesives.

Pesticides: Insecticide and insect repellent, weed killer, rat and mouse poison, pet spray and dip, flea collars, mothballs, disinfectant, wood preservative.



Safe Management of Household Hazardous Wastes?

Household Cleaners: Furniture polish and wax, drain opener, oven cleaner, tub and tile cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, spot remover, bleach, ammonia.



What can I do to minimize the amount of household hazardous wastes that comes from my home?

Use least hazardous products available—read labels to find least hazardous products.

Give leftover products to someone who can use them.

Recycle whenever possible.

Avoid aerosols—much of the product may end up in the air rather than doing your job.

Use safe alternatives that are listed on the back of this sheet.

How Do I Use Hazardous Products In A Safe Manner?



Read all labels and use according to directions. Do not mix products unless instructed by label directions. Mixing products can cause explosive or poisonous

chemical reactions. Pregnant woman should avoid hazardous products since many products may affect unborn children.

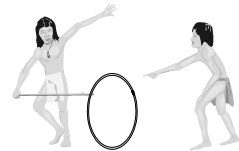


During use, keep children away from hazardous products and keep in mind that you need to close the product and remove it from children's access if you get interrupted while you are using it.

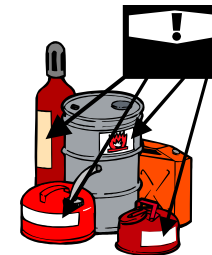
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How Do I Store Hazardous Products or Hazardous Wastes?

Store products or wastes in locked cabinets away from children, animals, and food.



Make sure lids and caps are tightly sealed and childproof.



Make certain all products are clearly labeled. Leave products in their original containers with the contents clearly identified on the labels. Never put hazardous products in food or beverage containers.

Keep products away from sources of heat, spark, flame or ignition such as pilot lights, switches and motors.

Store products containing volatile chemicals, or those that warn of vapors or fumes in well-ventilated area.

Never store rags with flammable solvents (such as wood stain, paint stripper, and paint remover) because they can spontaneously start on fire.



Follow the directions on the product label regarding disposal of solvent-covered rags. If there are no directions, place the rags in an airtight, metal container and store the container outside your house away from other structures until it can be picked up with your regular trash. Another option is to allow the solvent to vaporize by hanging the rags outside, away from your home and sources of sparks.

Store LP (liquid propane) gas tanks outdoors and away from all sources of heat, flame or sparks.