



It is not always easy to tell whether or not a material is hazardous. Look for these warning words: poison, toxic, corrosive, volatile, flammable, inflammable, combustible, explosive, danger, caution, warning, or harmful.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Please bring your unused or unwanted hazardous products to the Hazardous Materials Management Facility for reuse, recycling, or proper disposal.

Many products used in the home, yard, workshop and garage contain hazardous ingredients and need to be used and stored safely. Products include: cleaners, auto products, paints, remodeling products, garden products, hobby, pool, and pet products. When you decide to discard such products, they become hazardous waste. The products from a single home may seem insignificant, but, when people dispose of them improperly, the combined effect becomes a major problem. Improper disposal of hazardous waste includes: throwing it in the trash; pouring it on the ground; flushing it down the toilet, sink or drain; and, pouring it in the gutter or storm drain.

### Do You Know?

A typical home contains 3 to 8 gallons of hazardous material. When it is used, stored or disposed of IMPROPERLY, hazardous waste poses a threat to our families, pets, neighborhoods and environment.

- Substances poured into household drains and toilets go into the sewage treatment process, eventually impacting fish and wildlife.

Substances poured onto soil, streets, or into storm drains are carried to our streams, causing harm to our environment, fish and wildlife. Hazardous waste that reaches our landfills can leach into the soil and pollute groundwater. Throwing hazardous waste into the garbage can threaten sanitation workers who can be injured by acids, fires and explosions.

### What Makes A Product Hazardous

Read the label first! Hazardous products exhibit at least one of these properties:

- Toxic: can cause injury or death when inhaled, eaten, swallowed, or absorbed through the skin (e.g. rat poison and pesticides).
- Flammable: can easily ignite and burn rapidly (e.g. gasoline, paint thinners, lighter fluid, spot and paint removers). NOTE: inflammable means flammable.
- Corrosive: can burn skin on contact and can eat away the surface of other materials (e.g. oven cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners and bleach).
- Explosive: can react with air, water or other substances to produce toxic vapors or explosions (e.g. bleach when mixed with ammonia-based cleaners and gasoline if transported incorrectly).

## Hazardous Waste Disposal for BUSINESSES (including churches, clubs & non-profits)

### SERVICE OVERVIEW

Services offered to businesses by appointment only on Tuesdays. To qualify for service, business may only generate small quantities of hazardous waste AND be classified by the State of Colorado as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG). Typically, VSQG businesses include auto shops, housecleaners, labs, research and development, analytical companies, landscapers, non-profits, painters, religious organizations, schools and school districts, tanning salons, manufacturers, retailers, etc.

### FEES

Fees for the service are based on waste management costs for type and weight of waste delivered, plus surcharges for overhead and construction.

### HOW TO USE THIS SERVICE

For complete information and forms: [www.bouldercountyrecycles.org](http://www.bouldercountyrecycles.org)

1. Review State guidelines to confirm you qualify as VSQG business. Search "VSQG" at [www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov)
2. Submit
  - Application - VSQG Business
  - Inventory - VSQG Business or Inventory - Local Government HMM IGA (if applicable)
  - Safety data sheets (SDS) and digital photos of waste
3. Once your application is approved, schedule an appointment by visiting [boco.org/HMMfbizappt](http://boco.org/HMMfbizappt). Walk-ins will not be accepted.
4. Deliver wastes at appointed time.
5. Pay for service using cash, credit card, or in-state company check at the time of delivery. Business can also be invoiced.



## Hazardous Materials Management Facility

Serving Residents and Businesses



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AND FREE REUSABLE PRODUCTS

**Serves:** Residents of Boulder County, City and County of Broomfield, and the Town of Erie. Please bring your driver's license or other proof of residency. Business wastes accepted for a fee by appointment only. (See back panel ).

**Location:** Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility, 1901c 63rd St., Boulder (immediately west of the Recycling Center).

**Hours:** Wednesday – Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Note: the facility is not open on public holidays. Business waste by appointment only on Tuesday.

**Cost:** Residents are not charged to drop off their hazardous waste. This program costs about \$45 per household served and is funded by municipalities based on participation by their residents. Businesses pay a fee based on type and quantity of waste delivered.

**Reusable Products:** Reusable products are available free of charge to residents and businesses during regular hours of operation.

**Large Residential Load:** Please call ahead. Maximum household quantity is 40 gallons/400 pounds per week.



ACCEPTS

Transport hazardous materials upright in boxes. Be sure lids are on securely. Do not mix containers together in bags or garbage cans, as lids can come off causing chemicals to mix and possibly creating dangerous reactions. If you do have a container that is leaking, individually bag and seal it, or transfer it to a different container and label it properly.

- Aerosols
- Antifreeze
- Ballasts (removed from fixture)
- Batteries (small household and lead-acid auto batteries only; rechargeable batteries over 300 watt hours are not accepted)
- Brake fluid
- Car batteries (Lead Acid only)
- Car care products
- Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs)
- Cleaners
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent light tubes: bundle them without tape (use rubber bands, twine, or wire ties instead) or bring them in boxes
- Fuels (diesel, gas, kerosene)
- Glue and adhesives
- Hobby chemicals
- Mercury containing thermostats, thermometers
- Motor oil
- Oil filters
- Paint (latex and oil-based)
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Propane/Butane Tanks (camping size ONLY)
- Sharps (in approved sharps containers ONLY)
- Stains
- Thinners & solvents
- Vaping devices & E-liquid (nicotine ONLY)

DOES NOT ACCEPT

- Ammunition, explosives, flares, fireworks
- Asbestos-containing insulation, tile, linoleum
- BBQ propane tanks
- Bulbs: halogen, LED, incandescent
- Cooking oil
- Electronics
- Empty containers
- Fire extinguishers
- Foam insulation
- Non-hazardous wastes
- O2 tanks & cylinders
- Radioactive materials
- Smoke & CO2 detectors
- Styrofoam
- THC/CBD Vape Devices

Don't see what you are looking for on this list?  
Call 720.564.2251 for more information.

WHEN YOU VISIT

- Park your car
- Unload hazardous waste from your vehicle onto a cart
- Single stack items on cart
- Wheel the cart into the HMMF
- Show proof of residency and answer a few questions

SAFETY TIPS

- Store hazardous products upright, tightly sealed, away from heat and out of the reach of children and pets. Keep in their original containers. If you do have to use a different container be sure to label it adequately to avoid poisonings, and for safe use and disposal.
- Always follow the directions on the label. Ask the dealer or manufacturer to provide more explanation if needed.
  - Never use more of the product than is recommended.
  - Never mix products; this can lead to explosions or the release of poisonous gases.
  - Use hazardous products in well-ventilated areas and always use gloves, eye protection and air-purifying respirators whenever warranted.
  - Never eat, drink, or smoke where hazardous products are being used.

Empty Paint Cans

If you have empty and dry paint cans - leave the lids off and recycle the metal cans and lids at your local recycling center in the scrap metal bin. Plastic paint cans cannot be recycled at this time.

REDUCE TOXICS AND WASTE

- Choose water-based (latex) products over solvent-based ones.
- Avoid aerosols, products containing chlorinated compounds, petroleum distillates, phenols and formaldehyde, and chemical air fresheners, as these products pose inhalation hazards.
- Buy only what you need. If you have a leftover product, give it to a neighbor or friend who will use it up according to directions.
- Avoid pesticides. Plant pest and disease-resistant species of plants. Rethink your tolerance of pests and if you must kill them, learn how to target them most effectively.

SAFER ALTERNATIVES

**Drain Cleaners:** pour 1/4 cup of baking soda down the drain, followed by 1/2 cup vinegar; cover and let sit for 15 minutes and then flush with boiling water.

**Glass Cleaners:** use equal parts vinegar and water mixture.

**Ant Deterrent:** sprinkle cream of tartar, chili powder, or dried peppermint where they enter the house.

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