



Hazards of handling art materials

Many common art supplies may contain hazardous materials requiring special precautions to use them safely. Use the list of recommendations below to stay safe when creating art.

Service Overview

Many arts and crafts techniques involve the use of chemicals that can pose risks to human health and the environment if mishandled. When purchasing or using an art medium, always be sure to read the label of the product to determine appropriate safety precautions.

The Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility (HMMF) collects household hazardous waste free of charge from Boulder County, City and County of Broomfield, and Town of Erie residents. Businesses are charged a small fee to dispose of their hazardous materials properly.

Art Smarts

Recommendations to protect artists' health and the natural environment from the risks posed by hazardous chemicals in art and creative materials:

Choose safe art projects

- Avoid products bearing hazard labels
- Use appropriate protective gear necessary for the medium such as gloves, masks or respirators

Use products as directed

- Use the product according to safe use instructions
- Supervise children to make sure they are using the products properly
- Keep materials in original containers, or with original labels

Maintain a clean project area

- Keep food and drinks away!
- Open windows and use fans for ventilation
- Wash hands and supplies after finishing art projects

For proper disposal of hazardous materials, visit us at:



Hazardous Materials Management Facility

1901c 63rd Street, Boulder

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