

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household hazardous waste should never be put in the garbage, poured down sinks, or down sewers; it is very dangerous for the environment. You must always dispose of hazardous material at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot in Sudbury or call the Toxic Taxi for free home collection.

What is hazardous waste?

Products that are hazardous will have one of the following signs:



Always use these products with care and dispose of them properly. Gloves and other protective wear should be used when handling these products.

Hazardous products contain chemicals that are detrimental to the environment. The chemicals are released into the environment and pose a serious threat for living organisms. The chemicals accumulate over time and when they reach dangerous levels they can contaminate the air, water, and soil. This poses a serious health hazard for insects, animals, and even humans. Some hazardous chemicals are very poisonous and if consumed can potentially be lethal.

When using hazardous products it is always important to read and to follow the directions on the label. The labels tell you what type of product it is (poisonous, flammable, corrosive, or explosive), how to use the product, and what to do in case of an accident. This is very important because if you swallow a hazardous product, bringing it up is not always the solution. Read the labels before you start working with the hazardous product. Look for words like **Caution**, **Danger** or **Warning** when working with toxic products, pay extra attention to these cautions.

Always use hazardous products in a well-ventilated area and take breaks. Some products evaporate into the air and you could be inhaling very dangerous chemicals. It is important to never leave containers open due to the potential threat of the fumes.

Never mix chemicals together and never reuse chemical containers for other products. Simply dispose of the container properly once you are finished. Never throw it in the garbage.

Always store hazardous products securely in a well ventilated area and make sure to clean out attics, garages, basements, sheds and other areas in your home each year. It can be a fire hazard to keep hazardous products for numerous years. Make sure everyone in the household knows and understands the household hazardous waste signs. Prevent accidents and always keep hazardous material away from young children.

The City of Greater Sudbury's Household Hazardous Waste Depot collects and disposes of hazardous material in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. If you are unable to deliver your household hazardous waste to the Depot you can call the Toxic Taxi to make an appointment for free home collection.

When dropping off hazardous material at the Depot or having hazardous material picked up via the Toxic Taxi, ensure that all waste is clearly labeled and in sealed containers. Do not mix different products together and make sure syringes are in a puncture-proof container. Reusable containers, such as plastic gas cans, will not be returned.



Call **705-560-9019** to make an appointment with Toxic Taxi.