

Household Cleaners

Household Hazardous Waste



An average of **120 different household cleaners** are commonly found and used in and around the household. An average American household spends on average \$638 per year on household cleaners alone on products such as bathroom cleaners and kitchen cleaners. **The improper disposal of household cleaners creates a very real threat to individuals and the environment.** Disposing of household cleaners in the trash can cause hazardous fumes that can injure your family or your local trash collector. Plus, it is illegal to discard of household hazardous waste in the regular trash!

What is a household cleaner?

Household cleaners are consumer goods designed to assist in cleaning, pest control and general hygiene purposes for at home use. **Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste.** Household cleaners include:

Auto detail products

Oven cleaner

Drain cleaner

Toilet cleaners

Bleach

Pool chemicals

Electronic cleaners

All-purpose cleaners

Paint thinner

Nail polish remover

Turpentine

Carpet stain removers

Detergents

Nail polish remover

Disinfectants

Can I recycle a household cleaner container that is empty?

Yes, empty household cleaner containers should be placed in your recycling bin. Please dry out small amounts of residue and leave the cap on for all containers.



Where can I recycle of leftover household cleaners?

There are 10 permanent household hazardous waste collection facilities in San Diego County; **residents are allowed to take up to 15 gallons or 125 lbs total volume of household hazardous waste per household per drop-off.** A drop-off appointment is required for most facilities; call your local collection facility for more information.

Home Pick-up

Free home pick-up is available to disabled or elderly residents. For information call 1-800-237-BLUE.