

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM AT BIG VALLEY RANCHERIA

## What are household hazardous wastes (“HHW”)?

These are items people use at their residences. They are considered hazardous because they fit into one or more of the following categories:

- TOXIC – poisonous or lethal when ingested, touched or inhaled
- FLAMMABLE – ignites easily
- CORROSIVE – eats away materials and living tissue it comes into contact with
- REACTIVE – creates an explosion or produces deadly vapors



**TIP: Household hazardous wastes should never be placed in the regular trash or poured down the drain, sewer, or onto the ground.**

## What kinds of items are HHW and therefore should not be put in the regular trash?

### Home/kitchen items:

- Household Batteries (all sizes)
- Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs
- Cosmetics (nail polish, nail polish remover, hair dye, hair relaxers, permanent solutions)
- Housecleaning supplies (cleansers, furniture/floor polish, metal polish, rug cleaners)
- Laundry supplies (dry cleaning solvent, mothballs/flakes, spot remover)
- Medicines (all prescriptions, hearing aides, chemotherapy drugs, mercury thermometers, shampoo for lice)
- Other products (aerosol cans containing **any** pressure or fluids, butane lighters, flea powder, lighter fluid, pet shampoo, shoe dye/polish, televisions, computers, artists’ paints, paint thinner)

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### Garage/shop items:

- Automotive supplies (aluminum cleaners, antifreeze, auto body filler, transmission or brake fluids, carb cleaners, car wax, chrome polish, diesel fuel, engine degreaser, gasoline, lubricating oil, used motor oil)
- Building/woodworking supplies (asbestos, kerosene/lamp oil, fluorescent lamp with ballasts/tubes (PCBs), glues/cements, wood preservatives)
- Garden supplies (fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, rat/mouse/gopher poison, snail/slug poison, soil fumigants, vegetation killer, weed killer)
- Hobby/pet supplies (artists’ mediums, thinners, fixatives, acrylic paint, chemistry sets, computers, flea powder, monitors, oil paint, photo chemicals/solutions, printer cartridges, resins, fiberglass, epoxy, rubber cement thinner)
- Painting supplies (latex-based paints, model airplane paint, oil-based paint, paint thinner/stripper, turpentine, mineral spirits)

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## **Is it ever ok to put household hazardous wastes in the trash?**

The general rule is never put household hazardous waste in the trash, or dump it in the sewer or on the ground. However, there are a few exceptions:

1. completely dried paints and polishes--shoe polish, paints, nail polish
2. completely empty aerosol cans with no pressure remaining in cans
3. completely empty, triple rinsed, drained and dried hazardous products containers

## **What should I do if I have household hazardous waste in my home?**

Please bring your HHW for free drop off to the Lake County HHW Drop off at Lake County Waste Solutions in Lakeport from 9-1 on the following dates in **2018**:

**February 16/17, April 20/21, June 15/16.**

If you cannot bring your items to the free drop off, please bring it to Big Valley's Recycling Center at 2610 Mission Rancheria Rd or the EPA office at 1490 Soda Bay Road.

## **What if I have any questions about household hazardous waste, its proper disposal or this flyer?**

This flyer was generated by the Big Valley Rancheria Environmental Protection Department. Please call the following staff members if you have any questions:

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