



HOW TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SAFELY

WASTE	DISPOSAL	RECYCLE
Used Motor Oil	Do not dispose of oil in the trash.	Oil can be recycled by taking it to an auto parts store that has an oil-recycling program. Locations are listed in telephone book and RVRA Wasteline booklet.
Antifreeze	Do not dispose of antifreeze in the trash.	Antifreeze can be recycled free. Locations listed in RVRA Wasteline booklet.
Batteries	Do not throw batteries in the trash.	Car batteries can be recycled and reused by taking them to the Transfer Station or some auto parts stores. Some jewelry stores will accept button batteries.
Tires	Free disposal for up to 4 tires for residents of Roanoke County only. Please contact jurisdiction where you reside for specific guidelines. Bring tires to the RVRA Transfer Station.	RVRA contracts with a recycling company for recycling of the tires.
Paint – Latex	Remove lid. A small amount of latex paint will dry up when exposed to air. Once paint is dry it can be thrown in the trash. Use kitty litter to absorb larger amounts of paint. After paint is absorbed, remove lid and throw in trash. Sawdust or ground corncob is the best absorbent for oil base paint. If you have large amounts of oil base paint, call the RVRA for more information on disposal.	Churches, schools, theater groups, and charity groups may have a need for paint. Check the RVRA internet site for more information. www.rvra.net
Pool Chemicals	Dilute and pour in sewer. Do not empty into a septic system.	Buy only the amount you think you will need.
Metals	Metals can be thrown in the trash. It is best to separate metals and bring them to the Transfer Station.	Recycle metals by bringing them to the Transfer Station or to a metal recycling company.
Pesticides	Require careful disposal. Do not throw in trash. Small amounts, less than a gallon, can be wrapped tightly in newspaper and taken to the Transfer Station. Discontinued pesticides can still be used, but should be used with proper care. For disposal of larger amounts, contact RVRA.	The Department of Agriculture holds a Clean Valley Day to collect pesticides, check with the local Department of Agriculture for next date. Store in a safe place until Clean Valley Day.
Ammonia, Bleach, Disinfectants & Cleaning Products	These household products can be diluted with water and poured down the drain. Do not dispose in septic system.	Buy only what you need when you purchase these products and use as much as possible.
Medical Waste	Needles used for inoculations given in the home should be in non-puncture containers. Ask your doctor's office for proper disposal tips.	These items are not recyclable. You may contact Sci-Med Waste Systems at (540) 427-3350 for more information.
Photo Chemicals	Dilute and flush to sewer system. Do not empty into septic system.	Use as much as possible.
Gasoline, Kerosene	Check with your filling station. If you cannot find a filling station that will take these products, call RVRA for more information. **For gasoline that has been contaminated by water, you may separate the water from the gasoline by straining the gasoline with cheesecloth.	Filling stations that accept these products are responsible for recycling or proper disposal.
Propane Tanks (size used on grills)	Exchange of refill tanks whenever possible. To dispose of the tank, call RVRA for more information.	Exchange old tanks for new tanks or have them refilled at service stations and some grocery stores.
Ammunition, Explosives, Infectious Waste, Radioactive Mat.	DO NOT DISPOSE OF THESE ITEMS IN THE TRASH. THESE ITEMS REQUIRE SPECIAL DISPOSAL.	For more information, please call: LCM Corporation (540) 344-5583 WEL, Inc. (540) 581-0735
Hazardous Waste Handling	For proper disposal of hazardous waste, please contact Safety Kleen of Vinton and/or Environmental Options of Rocky Mount.	Safety Kleen (540) 890-4478 Environmental Options (540) 483-3920
Fluorescent Lamps	Do not dispose of lamps in the trash. Prevent lamp from being crushed or broken. THESE ITEMS REQUIRE SPECIAL DISPOSAL.	Fluorescent lamps are recyclable. For more information, please call: AERC 1-866-763-7287

KNOWING WHERE YOUR WASTE GOES IS IMPORTANT!

The Roanoke Valley Resource Authority is a City, County and Town of Vinton government organization that owns and operates Tinker Creek Transfer Station and Smith Gap Landfill. When your trash is picked up at your home by the City, County, or Town of Vinton, it is brought to the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority Transfer Station. It is then loaded onto a train, called the Waste Line Express, and taken to Smith Gap Landfill, located in Roanoke County.

The Resource Authority is providing this information for the safety of citizens and sanitation workers, and for proper and safe disposal of household hazardous waste. If you would like more detailed information, please call or write to the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority at 1020 Hollins Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012 and ask for a free copy of the booklet entitled, "Watching Your Waste Line" for helpful tips on disposal and recycling.



SOME ALTERNATIVES TO HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

Ant & Roach Killer – Use boric acid along corners and cracks. (Keep away from pets and children)

Drain Openers – Use ½ cup baking soda, followed by ½ cup vinegar; after 15 minutes add boiling water.

Furniture Polish – 3 parts olive or vegetable oil to 1 part vinegar; mineral oil with a few drops of lemon.

Garden Insecticides – Keep garden free of weeds, put up bird and bat houses.

Glass Cleaner – Vinegar and warm water.

Moth Balls – Cedar Chips

Paints – Use latex paints or whitewash; replace exterior paint with vinyl.

Spot Remover – Club Soda

Toilet Cleaner – Mix paste of lemon juice and borax, let set and scrub off.

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