

*Do your part to prevent water pollution in our creeks, rivers, bays, and ocean.*



Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and ocean are important to Los Angeles County. However, not properly disposing of household hazardous waste can lead to water pollution. Batteries, electronics, paint, oil, gardening chemicals, cleaners and other hazardous materials cannot be thrown in the trash. They also must never be poured or thrown into yards, sidewalks, driveways, gutters or streets. Rain or other water could wash the materials into the storm drain and eventually into

our waterways and the ocean. In addition, hazardous waste must not be poured in the sanitary sewers (sinks and toilets).

***NEVER DISPOSE  
OF HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS  
WASTE IN THE  
TRASH, STREET,  
GUTTER,  
STORM DRAIN,  
OR SEWER.***

For more information,  
please call the  
**City of Signal Hill**  
**Public Works Department**  
at (562) 989-7351  
or visit  
[www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org)

To report illegal dumping of household  
hazardous waste or to report a spill,  
call the  
**Los Angeles County**  
**24-Hour Water Pollution**  
**Reporting Hotline**  
**1-888-CLEAN-LA**  
**(1-888-253-2652)**

**For emergencies, dial 911.**



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Help Prevent Ocean Pollution:

## Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste



**The Ocean Begins at  
Your Front Door**

**P R O J E C T**  
**Pollution**  
**P R E V E N T I O N**

# Pollution Prevention

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive

*WHEN POSSIBLE,  
USE  
NON-HAZARDOUS  
OR  
LESS-HAZARDOUS  
PRODUCTS.*

ingredients are considered to be “household hazardous waste” or “HHW.” HHW can be found throughout your home, including the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and garage.

Disposal of HHW down the drain, on the ground, into storm drains, or in the trash is illegal and unsafe.

Proper disposal of HHW is actually easy. Simply drop them off at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC) for free disposal and recycling. Many materials including anti-freeze, latex-based paint, motor oil and batteries can be recycled. Some centers have a “Stop & Swap” program that lets you take partially used home, garden, and automobile products free of charge. There are nine HHWCCs in Los Angeles County:

**Los Angeles:**.....550 Charles E Young Dr W  
**Los Angeles:**.....4600 Colorado Blvd  
**Los Angeles:**.....2649 E Washington Blvd  
**Northridge:**.....10241 N Balboa Blvd

**Palmdale:**.....1200 W City Ranch Rd  
**Playa del Rey:**.....7660 W Imperial Hwy, Gate B  
**San Pedro:**.....1400 N Gaffey St  
**Signal Hill:**.....2755 California Ave  
**Sun Valley:**.....11025 Randall St

Hours of operation vary by location. All centers are closed on rainy days and major holidays. For more information, call (888) 253-2652 or visit [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com).

## *Common household hazardous wastes*

- Batteries
- Paint and paint products
- Adhesives
- Drain openers
- Household cleaning products
- Wood and metal cleaners and polishes
- Pesticides
- Fungicides/wood preservatives
- Automotive products (antifreeze, motor oil, fluids)
- Grease and rust solvents
- Fluorescent lamps
- Mercury (thermometers & thermostats)
- All forms of electronic waste including computers and microwaves
- Pool & spa chemicals
- Cleaners

- Medications
- Propane (camping & BBQ)
- Mercury-containing lamps
- Television & monitors (CRTs, flatscreens)

## *Tips for household hazardous waste*

- Never dispose of HHW in the trash, street, gutter, storm drain or sewer.
- Keep these materials in closed, labeled containers and store materials indoors or under a cover.
- When possible, use non-hazardous products.
- Reuse products whenever possible or share with family and friends.
- Purchase only as much of a product as you’ll need. Empty containers may be disposed of in the trash.
- HHW can be harmful to humans, pets and the environment. Report emergencies to 911.

