



### Disposing of Medical Waste

#### Sharps (Needles/Syringes)

Teton County Public Health invites residents to place used sharps in plastic containers no larger than two quarts and deposit the container into the receptacle located outside at Teton County Public Health at 460 East Pearl Avenue. Public Health staff will then ensure the sharps are properly and safely disposed. Sharps are not permitted in the trash due to the potential hazard to solid waste workers.

#### Prescription Drugs

Prescription drugs can be dropped off at the Teton County Sheriff's Office in a drop box located outside at 180 S. King Street.

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility operates with support from the Brinson Foundation, Teton Conservation District, Teton County Weed and Pest and the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.

# Household Hazardous Waste Collection



## Teton County Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling

(307)733-7678  
3270 S. Adams Canyon Road  
[www.tetonwyo.org/recycle](http://www.tetonwyo.org/recycle)



## Collection is By Appointment Only

Visit our website [tetonwyo.org/recycle](http://tetonwyo.org/recycle) or call 733-7678 to make an appointment to dispose of your hazardous materials.

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open the **first and third Tuesday** of the month from **April through October**.

### 2018 Collection Dates

- April 3
- April 17
- May 1
- May 8 (Open House Event 4-7pm)
- May 15
- June 5
- June 19
- July 3
- July 17
- August 7
- August 21
- September 4
- September 18
- October 2
- October 16

The HHW facility is located in the brown building to the south of the Recycling Center at 3270 S. Adams Canyon Road.

Teton County charges businesses only what it costs to dispose of hazardous waste, and asks that residents pay what they can afford to help offset the disposal costs.

### Guidelines for your appointment:

- ⇒ Make an appointment in advance online at [tetonwyo.org/recycle](http://tetonwyo.org/recycle) or call 733-7678.
- ⇒ Take an inventory of your materials.
- ⇒ Try to bring all substances in their original containers. Please label them if not in original containers.
- ⇒ When transporting, make sure all containers are securely sealed.
- ⇒ Turn off your vehicle when you enter the carport at the facility.
- ⇒ Please refrain from talking on your cell phone while dropping off waste.
- ⇒ When you arrive at the facility, please remain in your vehicle and wait for further instructions. **Do not unload your waste materials—our staff will remove it for you.**

## What makes a product Hazardous?

Read the label! All hazardous products exhibit at least one of these properties:



**Toxic:** can cause injury or death when inhaled, eaten, swallowed, or absorbed through the skin.



**Flammable:** can easily ignite and burn rapidly. NOTE: Inflammable means flammable.



**Corrosive:** can burn skin on contact and can eat away the surface of other materials.



**Reactive:** A substance that can react with air, water, or another substance to produce toxic vapors or an explosion.

### Why it is important to dispose of HHW properly?

-Substances poured into household drains and toilets go into the sewage treatment process, eventually impacting fish, wildlife and the environment.

-Substances poured onto soil, streets, or into storm drains are carried to creeks, causing harm to waterways and wildlife.

-Hazardous wastes that reach the landfill can leach into soil and pollute groundwater.

-Throwing hazardous waste into the garbage can contaminate entire loads of trash and threaten sanitation workers, who can be injured by acids, fires and explosions.

## Common Household Hazardous Wastes:



- Antifreeze
- Aerosols
- Abrasive Cleaners
- Ammonia-based Cleaners
- Automotive Products
- Automotive Batteries
- Caulk
- Chlorine Bleach
- Drain Openers
- Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes
- Furniture Polish
- Gasoline
- Glues/Silicone Sealants
- Mercury Thermometers
- Oil-based Paint
- Oven Cleaner
- Pesticides & Herbicides
- Photo Chemicals
- Poisons
- Pool/Spa Chemicals
- Solvents/Thinner/Turpentine
- Stain/Spot Removers
- Wood stains/Varnish/Lacquer
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Used Motor Oil & Filters

## The HHW Facility Does Not accept:

- Latex paint (please see disposal information below)
- Waste from outside of the service area
- Waste in drums or compressed gas cylinders
- Waste in any container larger than five gallons
- Biological, medical, agricultural, or radioactive waste
- Asbestos
- Contaminated soils
- Ammunition, black powder, explosives, flares or fireworks
- Unstable chemicals
- Medical waste—see back panel of this brochure for disposal options

### Options to Minimize the Use of HHW

The best ways to minimize household hazardous waste in your home or business are:

- Buy no more than you need.
- Buy products that are earth-friendly.
- Choose water based paints.
- Learn to read labels for toxicity.
- Avoid pesticides.

### Safe Alternatives

#### **-Drain Cleaner:**

Pour 1/4 cup baking soda down the drain, followed by 1/2 cup vinegar; cover and let sit for 15 minutes then flush with boiling water.

#### **-Glass Cleaners:**

Use equal parts vinegar and water mixture.

#### **-Ant Deterrent:**

Sprinkle cream of tartar, chili powder, or dried peppermint where they enter the house.

### How to Dispose of Latex/ Water Based Paint?

Latex, or any water-based paint, can be thrown away in the trash when it is dry or solid. The easiest way to tell if paint is water-based is if the directions specify soap and water clean up. Directions for drying:

1. Remove paint can lid. Stir paint well.
2. Add one part absorbent (kitty litter, floor dry, bentonite) to two parts paint and mix well, to a thick oatmeal-like consistency.
3. Leave lid off to let dry.
4. Paint will be solid and dry in about 24 hours.
5. Deliver dried material to the Trash Transfer Station for disposal. Trash haulers will no longer collect.

