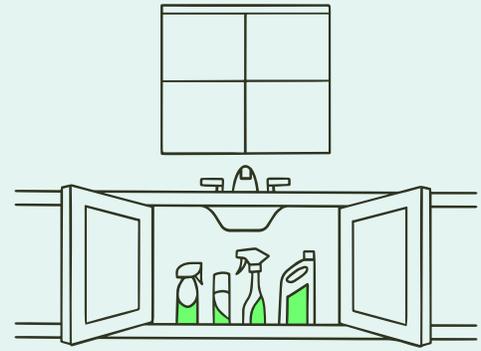




SF Environment

Dispose of Hazardous Items Safely.

[SafeDisposalSF.org](https://www.SafeDisposalSF.org)



Whether you're moving, cleaning out a loved one's home, or getting ready for a new baby, safely disposing of hazardous household items is easy.

Common Hazardous Household Items

When you dispose of hazardous household items the wrong way, it can contaminate drinking water, pollute local waterways, and harm wildlife. Exposure could also increase the possibility of headaches, asthma, and other illnesses. Plus, it's illegal. So, make sure to gather the following common hazardous items and dispose of them safely.

- Fluorescent and LED light bulbs
- Household batteries
- Paint
- Household cleaners
- Aerosol cans
- Pesticides

To learn where to safely and properly dispose of household hazardous waste, visit [SFRecycles.org](https://www.SFRecycles.org)

Free Pick-Up Service for Household Hazardous Waste

Once you've finished gathering all the hazardous items around the home, schedule a pick-up below and Recology will collect and safely dispose of items for free.

Schedule a free pick-up

Email hhw@recology.com with your contact information and a photo of your items.

Or

Call **415-330-1405** and leave a message with your contact information.

With the free home pick up service, you can dispose of the following:

ACCEPTED:

- Oil-based paints
- Solvents
- Cleaning products
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Automotive products
- Photo chemicals
- Mercury thermometers
- Non-empty aerosols

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Old and expired medicines and needles cannot be collected by the home pick up service.
- Unknown or unlabeled hazardous substances cannot be collected by the home pick up service. They must be taken directly to the Household Hazardous Waste facility.



Free Drop-Off Locations for Household Hazardous Waste

Can't find a good pick-up time?

Some San Francisco retailers collect common hazardous household items like fluorescent and LED bulbs, household batteries, and paint. To find participating retail collection sites, visit [SFRecycles.org](https://www.sfreycles.org).

You can also drop off items for free at San Francisco's Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at

San Francisco Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
501 Tunnel Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134
(next to the public dump)
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8 AM - 4 PM

Household Hazardous Waste Facility Requirements

- You must bring proof of San Francisco residency (driver's license or utility bill) to drop household hazardous waste at this facility
- Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds
- No drums, compressed gas cylinders (except small or BBQ-sized propane) or containers larger than five (5) gallons
- Keep hazardous items in their original containers. If an item is leaking, contain it by placing it in a larger container.
- Never mix leftover hazardous products with other products. Incompatible products might react, ignite, explode, and become unrecyclable.

Instructions

- Read product labels for disposal directions. Pack hazardous household items in a sturdy box and transport them in your trunk or truck bed so you don't risk exposure to fumes. Remember, even empty containers of household hazardous waste can pose a hazard due to the residual chemicals, so be sure to handle them with care.
- Put each leaking or damaged container in a separate box, plastic tub, or zip-lock bag.
- Visit [recology.com/recology-san-francisco/hazardous-waste/](https://www.recology.com/recology-san-francisco/hazardous-waste/) for more options.

Resources

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[SafeDisposalSF.org](https://www.safedisposal.org)