



# Household Hazardous Waste

## Racine Wastewater Utility 2026 Collection Event Information

### What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) are products used in your house, home garage, or residential garden/yard that can be flammable, corrosive, toxic and harmful to you and the environment if they are not handled properly.

### How do you identify HHW Products?

Read the product label. If the product label contains any of the following words, then the product is hazardous:

- Toxic
- Flammable
- Corrosive/Caustic
- Reactive
- Poison
- Volatile Inflammable
- Combustible
- Explosive/Reactive
- Danger
- Caution
- Warning
- Harmful Solvents (item contains)

### Why Should I Be Concerned?

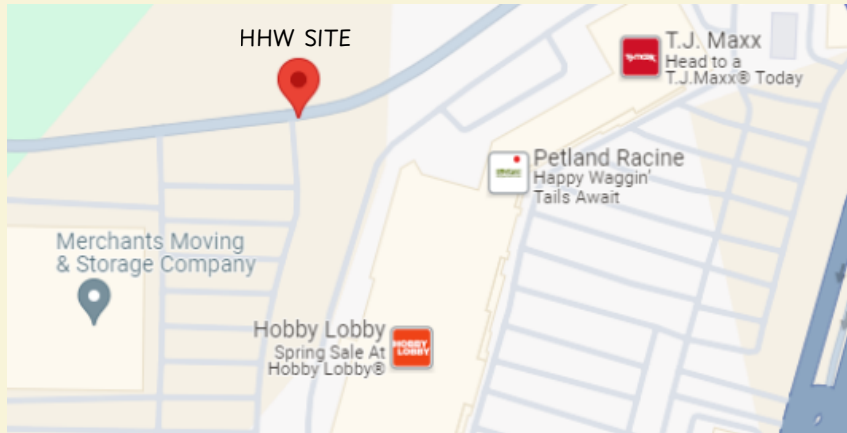
Improper disposal of hazardous products such as pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or placing them in the trash pollutes our environment and poses a threat to human & animal health.

### Why does HHW require special handling/disposal?

Certain types of HHW have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers, contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems. They can also present hazards to children and pets.

### Where are the HHW Collection Events Held?

Only those that reside in the City of Racine (zip codes 53401-53408) and Villages of Caledonia, Elmwood Park, Mount Pleasant, North Bay, Sturtevant and Wind Point may participate. Racine Wastewater Utility's HHW Collection Events are located at: 6200 21st Street, Racine



If you reside outside the utility service area, please contact your Village or Town Hall for disposal options in your area.

**When Are the HHW Collection Events Held?**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, April - October, 2026  
8:00 a.m. Until 1:00 p.m.

- Saturday, April 18, 2026
- Saturday, May 16, 2026
- Saturday, June 20, 2026
- Saturday, July 18, 2026
- Saturday, August 15, 2026
- Saturday, September 19, 2026
- Saturday, October 17, 2026

## Accepted Items

**All containers must not exceed 5 gallons**

- Acid Concrete Cleaner
- Batteries, Alkaline/Lithium—recycling preferred
- Brake Cleaner
- Cleaners w/Solvent
- Degreasers
- Driveway Sealer with Coal Tar or Petroleum Distillates
- Fertilizer with weed killer
- Floor Wax Stripper with solvent
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs, CFLs
- Furniture Stripper
- Gas & Oil Mixture
- Insect Spray/Baits
- Kerosene
- Laundry Bleach
- Mothballs
- Oil Based Paints
- PCB containing Ballasts
- Pool Chemicals
- Stain/Varnish
- Starter Fluid
- Transmission Fluid
- Used Oil - motor or cooking
- Wood Preservatives

## Unaccepted Items

- Ammunition
- Appliances of any type
- Auto Parts
- Ballasts NOT containing PCBs
- Cell Phones
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (includes propane, butane tanks)
- Containers greater than 5 gallons
- Driveway Sealer without coal tar & Petroleum Distillates
- Electronics
- Empty Containers
- Fertilizer WITHOUT Weed Killer
- Fire Extinguishers
- Latex, Water-based paints
- Medications
- Radioactive Waste
- Sharps
- Smoke Detectors
- Televisions
- Tires
- Waste from a business, institute, agribusiness or organization
- Yard Waste

**This is a short list of common products. Please refer to the front of the flyer on how to identify household hazardous waste.**

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1) If my mailing address is "Racine", but I reside WEST of I-94, may I participate in the Racine Wastewater Utility's HHW collection events?** No. This is not a county wide program. We only provided services to City of Racine (zip codes 53401-53408 only), Caledonia, Elmwood Park, Mount Pleasant, North Bay, Sturtevant & Wind Point.

If you reside in Burlington, Dover, Union Grove or Waterford, please call the Burlington Wastewater Utility at 262.342.1181 for collection event information in your area. All others please contact your village/town hall for information.

**2. How do I dispose of latex/water-based paints?** Add paint hardener, oil dry or kitty litter to the container and allow the paint to dry completely. City of Racine residents must bring their dried paint cans to the Pearl Street Waste Site. Others may throw dried paint cans in the trash or contact their solid waste collector for instruction.

**3. Where can I dispose of medications &/or sharps?** Call the City of Racine Health Department at 262.636.9203 or visit their website for drop box locations [www.cityofracine.org/environmental-health](http://www.cityofracine.org/environmental-health)

**4. How do I dispose of items NOT accepted at the HHW collection events?** Contact your village/town hall for recycling & disposal options. You can also contact area junk removal companies, local scrap yards, etc., for assistance.

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**This program is funded by and available to the residents of the City of Racine (zip codes 53401 to 53408), Village of Caledonia, Village of Elmwood Park, Village of Mount Pleasant, Village of North Bay, Village of Sturtevant and Village of Wind Point.**



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