



gwinnettcounty
Department of **Water Resources**

Watch Your Waste...Household Hazardous Waste, That Is!

Attention Grayson residents! Some of the common products we use every day can become hazardous to the environment and public health if they are disposed of improperly. Leftover items such as paint, pesticides, cleaning products, batteries, and automotive fluids are considered household hazardous waste (HHW). HHW is any waste that is toxic, corrosive, reactive, or flammable.

HHW can contaminate the environment when it is discharged into the stormwater drainage system or when it is illegally dumped. Discharges to the stormwater system and illegal dump sites drain with the rain and can carry contaminants to natural waterways.

One of the best ways to deal with HHW is use it all! Buy only as much as you need to prevent leftover material that will need to be disposed of. Beware of the buy-one-get-one-free sale for cleaning products when you may not need that much. Share left over paint with a friend or neighbor, or start an art project for fun! Bring used motor oil to the auto parts store to have it recycled. There are also many non-toxic, or less-toxic alternatives to common household chemicals that are equally as effective, but safer and easier to dispose of.

Pollution of Grayson's waterways from HHW can endanger the health of our residents and wildlife. For more information on preventing pollution from HHW, visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/household-hazardous-waste>. For a recycling directory to help find disposal and recycling locations for common HHW, visit <http://www.gwinnettcba.org/recycling/>.

