



# Gwinnett County

## Department of Water Resources

### **Managing Household Hazardous Waste in Grayson**

When household hazardous wastes (HHW) are disposed of improperly, it can negatively affect public health and the environment. Since Grayson sits at the top of hill, there are numerous streams and creeks that begin in the city and flow to our neighbors. Grayson residents have a unique opportunity to keep our waterways clean and free of HHW because we are the first people to come in contact with them.

Examples of HHW include paint, pesticides, fluorescent lights, household cleaners, or any waste from the home that is corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or flammable. These materials often accumulate in basements or under sinks because we are unsure of what to do with them. This level of caution is good because it means we recognize these materials are potentially harmful. Unfortunately, this uncertainty can lead to improper disposal. Many of these products are liquid and should not be disposed of in the regular trash. Paints poured down the drain can negatively affect the sewer system or cause a failure in a septic system. There are potential negative impacts to improper disposal of other HHW as well.

HHW that is placed in dumpsters or illegally dumped could contaminate the environment and our waterways. To combat this, Gwinnett Water Resources has partnered with Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful to host free HHW Collection Events. These events welcome Grayson residents. The event in February 2020 collected HHW from over 600 residents totaling over 70,000lbs of HHW to be recycled or disposed of properly.

For information on upcoming HHW Collection Events, visit [www.gwinnettcg.org](http://www.gwinnettcg.org) or [www.gwinnetth2o.com](http://www.gwinnetth2o.com).

