

Put Household Hazardous Waste in its Place

Part of keeping Grayson clean is properly disposing of household hazardous waste. These items include many common household products. When these products become waste, either by expiration, disuse, or just as leftovers, they can be hazardous. Items such as cleaning supplies, paints, pesticides, and batteries all contain components that are either toxic, corrosive, reactive, or flammable, making them HHW. Improper disposal of HHW, like illegal dumping or dumping into storm drains, threatens water resources and public health by causing pollution through rainwater mixing.

The easiest way to prevent HHW is to only buy as much as you need, but if you have any leftovers here is how to safely dispose of it:

- Solidify liquids with cat litter, saw dust or newspaper, then trash it.
- Look for recycling events or centers near you to drop off your HHW.
- Share leftovers with friends, family, and neighbors.

Gwinnett Water Resources partners with Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful to host free HHW collection events twice a year. For upcoming events visit <https://gwinnettcg.org/>. Many auto parts and hardware stores offer HHW recycling programs. Check with them to see if they accept HHW before dropping off items.

Let's work together to utilize these options and keep Grayson's waterways clean!

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