



Household Chemical Waste

Pool Chemicals

Fertilizer

Paint

Batteries



Household Chemical Waste cannot be placed in dumpsters

Household Chemical Waste (HCW) refers to those products used in and around the house. These are products that can be harmful to people and the environment if not disposed of properly. HCW cannot be placed in the dumpster.

HCW can be categorized into these groups:

Ignitable: capable of rapidly burning or causing a fire

Corrosive: capable of eating away materials and destroying living tissue when contact occurs

Explosive and/or Reactive: capable of causing an explosion or releasing poisonous fumes when exposed to air, water or other chemicals

Toxic: poisonous, either immediately or over a long period of time

Hazardous Batteries: All rechargeable Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd) and Lithium batteries still contain hazardous materials. Ni-Cd batteries used in items like cordless telephones, camcorders, power tools, cordless appliances, toys and laptop computers are all recyclable.

What Isn't Household Chemical Waste?

Empty paint cans, empty automotive fluid containers, etc. are not considered HCW and can be placed in the dumpster.

Non Hazardous Batteries: Batteries such as AAA, AA, C, D, 9 Volt, 6 Volt and most button cell batteries manufactured after 1993 have no added Mercury and are considered non-hazardous.

FYI: Residential Household Chemical Waste is accepted at the Lee County Solid Waste Division's HCW drop-off facility located at [6441 Topaz Court in Fort Myers](#), off Metro Parkway. This facility is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and every first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon (except holidays).