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Santa Clara/San Mateo County  
Recycling and Household Hazardous  
Waste (HHW) Hotline/Website  
(800) 533-8414

## Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program

- Residents that live in the Santa Clara County (except Palo Alto) can make an appointment at no-cost to drop off the following acceptable materials by calling (408) 299-7300 or <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rwr/hhw/Pages/hhw.aspx>
- Palo Alto Resident can call (650) 496-5910 or visit [www.cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste) for more information.
- Business that generate small quantities of Hazardous Waste in Santa Clara County may qualify to use the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) program. Call (800) 207-8222 or for more information visit <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rwr/hhw/Pages/Conditionally-Exempt-Small-Quantity-Generator-Disposal-Program.aspx>

### Common Acceptable HHW

- Acids (including Pool Chemicals, Muriatic Acid)
- Aerosol Cans
- Ammonia
- Antifreeze
- Asbestos (Must be double bagged, Max. of 3 bags, Each No more than 50lbs per bag, and no more than 125lbs per vehicle)
- Automotive Fluids
- Bases
- Batteries (all types, button, household, car, etc.)
- Contaminated Sand, Dirt, or Kitty Litter
- Coal
- Cooking Oil
- Coolant
- Cosmetics and Toiletries (sunscreen, make-up, hair spray, perfume, nail polish, etc.)
- Degreaser
- Dental Amalgam
- Drain Clog Remover
- Electronic Waste (SMALL: Any size TV OK, computer, laptop, printers, copier, fax machine, scanner, inverters, stereo, stereo systems, cell phones, chargers, iPads, PDAs, DVD/VHS players NOT the DVDs or VHS tapes).
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent Tubes, Spiral, and Compact Bulbs
- Freon
- Fuels
- Fertilizers/Fungicides/Herbicides
- Garden Chemicals/Pesticides
- Gasoline
- Helium Tank (small only, ≤ 3ft)
- Herbicides
- Household Cleaning Chemicals
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Instant heating/cooling packs
- Iodine
- Lead
- Light-emitting diode (LED)
- Mace
- Mercury Containing Items (Thermometers, Thermostats, etc.)
- Microwaves (Household only, NO other appliances)
- Motor Oil/Oil Filters
- Oil-filled heaters
- Oily Rags
- Oxygen Tanks (small only, ≤ 3ft)
- Paints (any type of paint, wet or dry, old or new labels or no labels, spray or can)
- Perchlorates
- Photography Chemicals
- Polishes
- Poisons
- Pool Chemicals (Muriatic Acid)
- Power Steering Fluid
- Prescription Drugs (prescribed and over-the counter, inhalers, cough syrup, vitamins, etc.)
- Printer Cartridges
- Propane Tanks (maximum 20lbs size and smaller) (accept full, partial, or empty)
- Road Flares
- Sharps, Needles, Lancets, Syringes (MUST be placed in a puncture-proof container and labeled as SHARPS, ex: laundry detergent jug, coffee can, NOT soda bottle or bag).



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- Smoke Detectors
- Solvents
- Sprays
- Sulfur

**The following materials are not acceptable at the Household Hazardous Waste Program**

### NON-Acceptable HHW

- Tires
- Ammunition
- O2 and CO2 Cylinders (Large)
- Biohazards
- Explosives
- Fireworks
- Radioactive Waste
- 55-gallon Drums
- Refrigerator, Freezers, or Appliances
- Mini-fridges (will accept the Freon)
- Heaters/Space heaters
- Marine or Air Flares
- Medical waste
- Regular Trash/Recyclable Items: Wood/Treated Wood, Mattresses, Precious Metals, Insulation (unless tested positive for asbestos), and Toilets

### NON-Acceptable Materials Often Confused as E-Waste

- Air condition Unit
- Air Purifier
- Blender
- Chainsaw
- Clothes Dryer
- Coffeemaker
- Cooktop/Stove/Range
- Dehumidifier
- Dishwasher
- Freezer
- Generator
- Hedge/Edge/Grass Trimmer
- Iron
- Lawn Mower
- Motors (of any kind)
- Power Tool (Indoor/Outdoor), other tools/Equipment
- Pressure Washer
- Steam iron
- Toaster
- Vacuum cleaner
- Waffle iron
- Washing machine