

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) FAQ'S

## **WHAT ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED AT HHW PROGRAMS?**

Oil based paint (and latex if you live in certain Counties), poisons, solvents, garden chemicals, cleaners, automotive fluids, motor oil, aerosol cans and pool chemicals. Most programs also accept fluorescent bulbs and propane tanks. Residents should check with their individual County BEFORE bringing items to be properly managed.

## **WHERE DO I BRING MY HHW MATERIALS?**

Bring the materials to a permanent or single day household hazardous waste program.

**HOW DO I KNOW WHERE/WHEN TO GO:** For a list of all events in NJ go to [www.njhazwaste.com](http://www.njhazwaste.com) or download the free Recycle Coach app which not only has HHW events but information on electronics recycling, paper shredding events and of course your curbside recycling calendar.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** HHW programs aim to provide a safe and proper outlet for disposing of hazardous materials. Residents should avoid improper disposal such as throwing material in the garbage, dumping it down the drain or in a storm sewer. Materials can be toxic to people, pets and the environment. Fires have actually started in garbage trucks due to improper disposal.

**WHERE DOES THE HHW GO:** First, the material is segregated onsite into different waste categories such as corrosives, flammables, and poisons. Some of the materials are recycled such as motor oil, antifreeze, automotive and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and propane tanks. Some Counties also recycle latex paint. Other items such as gasoline or other flammable materials can be re-blended and used as fuel. Items that cannot be recycled or reclaimed will ultimately be brought to a permitted and licensed hazardous waste facility in North America. There are various end markets used by different County vendors.

## **WHAT IS PAINTCARE - S2815 / A4382**

The NJ Legislature has proposed Paint Care legislation that would require paint manufacturers to implement or participate in a paint stewardship program. There is a small assessment fee based on each gallon of paint that is used to promote convenient paint recycling programs for all NJ residents.