

# Safely Disposing of Household Hazardous Materials

Household chemicals and other toxic materials are **illegal** to place in any of your waste carts or down the drain. Below are ways to safely dispose of common household hazardous waste (HHW).

## Household Hazardous Waste

WM will accept and safely dispose of HHW materials every other Saturday **by appointment only**. Call WM at (760) 439-2824 to schedule a drop off appointment.

### Accepted Materials by Appointment

- Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs, CFLs
- Paint, Stain Varnish, Thinner
- Auto Products, Used Oil, Filter
- Sharps: Needles, Lancets
- Adhesives
- Cleaners, Sprays
- Pesticides, Other Garden Chemicals



## Household Batteries

Place used household batteries in a sealed clear storage bag and place **on top** of your recycle cart on your service day.



**TIP**

**Use rechargeable batteries.**

They are meant to be recharged after they are drained and then reused.

## Fluorescent Tubes and Compact Fluorescent Lamps

Fluorescent lamps, tubes and other mercury-containing lamps are hazardous waste and **DO NOT** go into any waste or recycling cart.



These types of used, unbroken lighting can be recycled at your local Home Depot and Lowe's retail stores, **"Take-it-Back"** participants and by appointment every other Saturday at WM's HHW facility.

**TIP**

## Incandescent light bulbs

are the easiest to dispose because they can be thrown in the household trash. If the bulb is broken, wrap the pieces securely in heavy paper such as newsprint, so glass shards don't cut through the trash bag. This makes pickup safer for you and the waste collector.



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## Paint

PaintCare offers **drop-off sites** throughout California where the public can take unwanted paint for recycling. These sites are available to households, businesses and others with leftover paint.



Sherwin-Williams in Oceanside accepts paint through *PaintCare* during regular business hours. Call ahead to make sure they will take the paint you want to recycle (760) 757-7610.

WM's HHW facility will accept paint every other Saturday by appointment. Contact WM to schedule an appointment.

### TIP

#### Save money and reduce paint waste!

- ✓ **Buy Right** - Before you buy paint, measure your room and consult a paint expert on how much to buy.



- ✓ **Store Right** - Keep paint sealed properly for future touch up jobs. The internet offers ideas to help your stored paint stay in good condition.
- ✓ **Use It Up** - Use up what you have by looking to see what touch up jobs are needed or donate it to a friend.

## Used Oil and Filters

The City of Oceanside has **18 local certified collection centers** where you can take your used oil and used oil filters to be recycled. Search for "**City of Oceanside used oil**" to find locations and more information.

WM's HHW facility will accept used oil and filters by appointment every other Saturday.



## Home-Generated Sharps

Oceanside residents have several options to safely and legally dispose of sharps.

- ✓ **By Mail** - Order a free sharps waste container with mail-back materials. Visit [sharpstakebackcalifornia.org](http://sharpstakebackcalifornia.org) or call (844) 4-TAKE-BACK or (844) 482-5322.
- ✓ **Local Drop Off** - Sharps must be in a red biohazard container with sealed top or in see-through container like a water bottle or milk jug, with the lid securely taped.
  - **El Corazon Senior Center**  
3302 Senior Center Drive  
(760) 435-5300
  - **County Club Senior Center**  
455 Country Club Lane  
(760) 435-5250
- ✓ **WM's HHW Facility** - Accepts sharps every other Saturday by appointment.



*Thank you* for doing your part to safely and legally dispose of household hazardous waste!