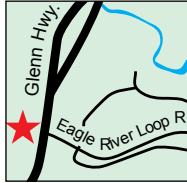


Household Hazardous Waste Collection Options

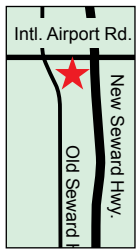
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Drop-off is FREE for households (up to 40 lbs). Pick-up service is available on an on-call basis. Call 428-1742 or 343-6262 for further information.

The Hazardous Waste Collection Center is located at the **Anchorage Regional Landfill**, at the intersection of the Glenn Highway and Hiland road, near Eagle River.



Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This facility accepts hazardous wastes from households and businesses.



The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is located at the **Central Transfer Station**, at the intersection of E. 54th and Juneau, east of the Old Seward Highway.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This facility accepts hazardous waste from households only.

Drop off these household items:

PAINT	CLEANERS
PAINT THINNERS	PESTICIDES
GASOLINE	HERBICIDES
BATTERIES	USED OIL
FERTILIZER	ANTIFREEZE



Use the Paint & Materials Exchange at the Landfill and Transfer Station. More than 1,000 "new" items are available for reuse monthly. Shop the Exchange first for your paint, cleaning, automotive, and lawn and garden needs.

SAFE DISPOSAL TIPS

Trash is trash, right? Well, there are some items that you should think twice about before putting them in your trash container.

C&D debris is waste generated during the construction or demolition of a structure. This typically includes wood, bricks, rubble, dry wall, roofing materials tiles, and concrete. These materials are accepted at the Anchorage Regional Landfill (ARL), while only wood and roofing materials are accepted at the Central Transfer Station (CTS) in Anchorage. Residential loads at CTS and the Girdwood transfer station must not exceed a pickup load size and must be less than eight feet in any direction. Larger-sized loads must be taken to ARL. There also are a growing number of options for C&D recycling. See Page 7 for more details. Depending on the age of the facility being demolished, care must be taken to determine if any of the materials contains asbestos. See SWS's Asbestos Handling Policy at www.muni.org/sws and click on How Do I Dispose of These Items?

Fluorescent lamps and compact fluorescent lamps

(CFLs) contain mercury that can be released if the lamps break. Keeping lamps whole will prevent any problems. Lamps are best managed through the hazardous waste program or a reputable local recycler rather than disposed in the landfill. Contact Household Hazardous Waste Collection (see left sidebar) for proper disposal or Total Reclaim (see page 7) for recycling options. Small quantities of CFLs also can be recycled at local Home Depot stores.

Waste pharmaceuticals include over-the-counter and prescription medications in the form of solid pills and capsules, creams, liquids and aerosols. Many pharmaceuticals intended for pets have the same handling and disposal concerns as those prescribed to humans and should be disposed of exactly the same. Do not flush pharmaceuticals down the toilet or drain or burn them. Instead, remove all personal identification from prescription bottles; mix all unused drugs with coffee grounds, kitty litter, or another undesirable substance, and place this mixture in a sealed container before disposing in the trash.

Sharps (syringes and needles used for human or animal medical care) can be discarded by individual home owners only if they are in an appropriate sharps container that is puncture resistant, leak-proof and able to be tightly sealed to prevent spilling. These are available in most medical supply outlets in Anchorage. Do not put sharps directly into the trash.

Reduce pharmaceutical waste whenever possible:

- Use all antibiotics as prescribed by your doctor. Not using all doses of an antibiotic could lead to development of antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria.
- Buy only as much as can reasonably be used before the expiration date. For example, don't buy 500 aspirin just because it's cheaper, unless you will use them all.
- When your doctor prescribes a new medication, ask the doctor to prescribe only enough to see if the medication will work for you and in the lowest dose advisable. That way, if the medication doesn't suit you, there is less to waste. Do the same for your pet's medications.

A QUICK LOOK: Residential Waste & Recycling Resources

Most of the resources identified on page 7 also offer residential services. Here's a quick look at a few more helpful resources in the community.

ALPAR www.alparalaska.com	274-3266
Anchorage School District Recycling www.asdk12.org/depts/recycling	348-5151
MOA Solid Waste Services www.muni.org/sws	343-6262
"Recycling Rap" blog www.adn.com/recycleblog	
Smurfit-Stone Recycling Company (Anchorage Recycling Center).....	562-2267
Thermo-Kool of Alaska (recycled newsprint products) www.thermo-koolofalaska.com	563-3644
Valley Community for Recycling Solutions (Mat-Su) www.valleyrecycling.org	907-745-5544