

# Household Hazardous Waste Collection Options

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**Drop-off services are FREE for households only (up to 40 lbs). A hazardous waste pick-up service is also available on a call-in basis. Phone (907) 428-1742 or (907) 343-6262 for further information.**



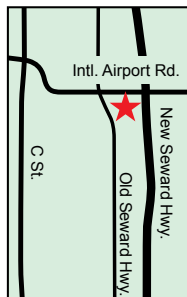
The Hazardous Waste Collection Center is located at the **Anchorage Regional Landfill**, at the intersection of the Glenn Highway and Hiland road, near Eagle River.

**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
- PAINT THINNERS
- GASOLINE
- BATTERIES
- FERTILIZER



- CLEANERS
- PESTICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- USED OIL
- ANTIFREEZE



# Energy Efficiency...



October is Alaska Energy Awareness Month and Alaska Energy Authority, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, and more than 30 statewide partners making up the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Working Group have teamed up to offer tips and programs to help you reduce your energy use. Find a calendar of statewide events and more easy steps you can take to save energy at [www.akenergyefficiency.org](http://www.akenergyefficiency.org).

**Get an energy assessment**

The Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation (AHFC) offers an energy assessment program called the Home Energy Rebate Program. In this program, residents pay out-of-pocket costs to obtain “before” and “after” energy ratings, and then receive a rebate for these costs. AHFC also offers the Retrofit Energy Assessment for Loan. To learn more about these opportunities, go to [www.ahfc.state.ak.us/energy/energy.cfm](http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/energy/energy.cfm).



**Seal tight and ventilate right**

By insulating your home and incorporating proper air sealing techniques, not only can you reduce energy use and utility bills, but you’ll make your home much more comfortable. Remember, when attempting any building upgrades, insulation and air sealing should always complement one another and be done in conjunction with moisture control and ventilation. Visit [www.cchrc.org](http://www.cchrc.org) for more information about safely ventilating and sealing your home.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS UPDATES**

- Ammunition is no longer accepted at the Anchorage, Palmer or Wasilla Police Departments. Contact local shooting ranges for specifics about accepting ammunition.
- Smoke alarms can be wrapped in newspaper and disposed in the landfill.
- The HHW facility at the landfill will accept one PCB ballast from residents per visit for a fee of \$5 each. No PCB ballasts are accepted from small quantity generators.



## Change your light bulbs

Energy-efficient lighting technologies are becoming more advanced, cost-effective, and efficient and more purchasing options are becoming available every day. These options range from a broad variety of compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) to the newest styles of light emitting diodes (LEDs).

Most importantly, changing light bulbs is an easy way to benefit your wallet. The initial cost may be higher than for traditional light bulbs, but you will save money in the long run. Visit [www.mlandp.com/redesign/save\\_energy.htm](http://www.mlandp.com/redesign/save_energy.htm) or [www.chugachelectric.com/energy.html](http://www.chugachelectric.com/energy.html) for more information on lighting.

## Beware of Carbon Monoxide

About 80% of the carbon monoxide (CO) in the ambient air is emitted by motor vehicles and the highest ambient CO levels occur during the cold winter months when temperature inversions trap CO emissions close to the ground. Levels today are less than half what they were two decades ago and Anchorage has not violated the standard since 1996. However, indoor CO remains a serious concern in Anchorage. Faulty heating devices or improper venting can result in very high levels inside homes or other enclosed spaces. Exposure to CO concentrations of 1,200 ppm or higher can result in serious injury or death. These concentrations are about 100 times higher than the highest levels currently experienced outdoors in Anchorage.

Know the symptoms. The initial symptoms are similar to the flu. Visit [www.muni.org/departments/health/environment/airq](http://www.muni.org/departments/health/environment/airq) for a fact sheet with more information from the American Red Cross.

Install CO detectors. Be sure you have them in your home, cabin, RV, and boat. In your home, each sleeping area should have one. Anchorage Municipal Code now requires carbon monoxide detectors with alarm functions to be installed in all Anchorage dwellings (AMC 23.85).

Take precautions. Be sure all appliances are installed and serviced by trained professionals. Do not use combustibles in enclosed areas without proper ventilation.

Call for help. **If you feel you have CO poisoning, call 911.** If you have a CO alarm going off but feel no CO poisoning symptoms, call the Anchorage Fire Department at 267-4950. If you have questions about CO alarms, call 343-4200.



## Are you ready to Plug@20?

Along with getting your shovel out in preparation for winter, be sure to prepare your vehicle for the cold. To reduce engine wear and ensure your car will start when it's cold, get ready to use your engine block heater.

- Don't have a block heater? Get an estimate from your garage or dealer. For most vehicles, installation is less than \$200.



- Shopping for a new car? The window sticker lists block heaters among the vehicle options, if installed. On a used car, the electric plug to the heater often hangs from the grill. Check to be sure it's functional.
- Always plug your car in? Locate your timer and outdoor extension cord, and mount the timer near your electrical receptacle above three feet (snow level). Instructions for setting the timer are on the Plug@20 page of [www.muni.org/health](http://www.muni.org/health). Information about this winter's free timer distribution also will be posted there.

The best use of your block heater is prior to your daily commute, when the engine is coldest. Plugging in cuts carbon monoxide and other air pollution emissions from your vehicle by nearly 60%. Using a timer to supply electricity to the heater just two or three hours before departure is convenient and reduces electricity costs.

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