

# Household Hazardous Waste

## AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCT DISPOSAL

Automotive Products that may be harmful include:

Used motor oil • Brake fluids • Antifreeze •  
Gasoline and diesel fuels • Batteries • Car waxes with solvents •  
Carburetor cleaners •

### What To Do with Leftover Automotive Products

- Save them for future use, or give them to someone who can use them.
- Take used motor oil to a recycling facility, service station or retailer. State law requires service stations or retailers that sell more than 1,000 gallons a year of oil, to accept, free of charge, up to five gallons of used motor oil per person, per day. If a service station or retailer refuses your oil, contact your DEC regional office.
- Take used car batteries to retailers that sell new batteries. State law requires retailers to accept, free of charge, up to two used batteries per person, per month for recycling.
- Never mix automotive products, or pour them into storm drains, septic systems, or on the ground.
- Call your local sewage treatment plant to ask if you can flush small amounts of antifreeze down the drain.
- Save leftover materials for a household hazardous waste collection program.

**Always read the label for safety precautions,  
even if you are familiar with the product.**

**Remember improper disposal of these products  
can harm the environment.**



## ALWAYS CONSULT THE PRODUCT LABEL

Labels provide information about proper use and alert you if the product is potentially hazardous.

### Look for:

- ✓ Signal words -  
**DANGER, POISON, WARNING or CAUTION.**
- ✓ Statements of hazards -  
**“Flammable,” “Vapor harmful,” “Harmful or fatal if swallowed.”**
- ✓ Precautionary statements -  
**“Keep out of reach of children,” “Use only in well-ventilated areas,” “Do not mix with chlorine-type bleaches or other chemicals.”**

Store Household Hazardous Waste Properly and Safely Before Disposal

- G Keep the product in its original container with the label intact.
- G Place leaking containers in larger, leak-proof containers clearly labeled with the contents.
- G Store products out of reach of children and pets, away from heat, and away from the house, if possible.
- G Store liquid flammables in their original containers or UL-approved metal safety cans, available from hardware stores.
- G Reduce disposal problems by using smaller amounts of hazardous substances, or by substituting less hazardous substances where possible.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION on household hazardous waste, contact:**

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Bureau of Waste Reduction & Recycling  
Division of Solid & Hazardous Materials  
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**Note: The information on this card applies only to home-generated wastes. Businesses and organizations must comply with all applicable state and federal hazardous waste regulations.**