



For more information on hazardous waste contact:

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Domestic Quantities of Hazardous Waste





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A number of materials found around the home and in your garage are classified as hazardous and should be kept out of the landfill. Some examples of hazardous waste you may encounter could include:

- Pesticides and garden chemicals these can be very dangerous to humans, animals, and to the surrounding environment
- Rechargeable and button batteries, like those found in power tools, electronics, or hearing aids — they contain either heavy metals such as cadmium or mercury, or lithium which can be very dangerous if not disposed of properly
- Paint and paint related material such as turps, paint thinner, varnish, paint stripper, and wood stain
- Solvents such as methylated spirits and citronella oil



- General house-hold chemicals such as bleach, cleaners etc.
- Fluorescent light tubes and compact fluorescent light bulbs eg; energy saver bulbs, these contain the heavy metal mercury
- Old fuel such as petrol, old two stroke mix, and diesel
- Waste Oil
- Lead acid batteries from cars, trucks, tractors etc. These contain sulfuric acid and the heavy metal lead
- Gas cylinders and aerosols
- PCBs from old capacitors which are quite often found in old light fittings
- Asbestos
- Fire extinguishers, especially yellow BCF fire extinguishers that contain an ozone depleting substance
- Explosives such as flares and fireworks

Domestic quantities of all hazardous waste can be dropped off at any of Marlborough's Transfer Stations.

Domestic quantities of hazardous waste are accepted free of charge.

Please try to ensure hazardous waste is well contained before taking it to the Transfer Station.

Domestic quantities of used oil can be dropped off free of charge at Blenheim, Picton, Havelock, Rai Valley, Wairau and

Seddon Transfer Stations. There is a charge for quantities larger than 20 litres. Please refer to Waste fees and charges for the amount.

If you have unidentifiable waste, the attendant will help you decide whether or not to place it in the hazardous waste collection area.

If you have larger than domestic quantities of hazardous waste needing disposal, please contact Council for advice.

Not only do you help ensure the environment is safe for future generations by keeping hazardous waste out of the landfill, you play a part in enabling a large majority of these items to be recycled.

The vast majority of paint and paint related material is sent away for recycling, the same goes for the rechargeable and button batteries, lead acid batteries, fuels, solvents, fluorescent light tubes, compact fluorescent light bulbs, and waste oil.

