



BOISE COUNTY SOLID WASTE

DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Boise County Transfer Stations accept Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)*. Examples would include, drain openers, aerosol cans, multipurpose household cleaners, toilet cleaners, laundry detergent, dish soap, dishwashing machine pods and gels, bug sprays and insect pest control.

An excerpt from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) website states that:

“Wastes that are hazardous but are generated in the home do not have to be disposed of as hazardous waste. This household hazardous waste exclusion is based on practicality and not because these items pose no threat to the environment. Consumers are encouraged to follow best practices when disposing of household hazardous waste items.”

If you can purchase it at the grocery or hardware store, it is NOT flammable or corrosive and it is in the original container you can generally dispose of it with your household trash. You are encouraged to use the entire product and dispose of the empty containers only (no containers larger than 5 gallons).

*While most hazardous wastes that are ignitable, reactive, corrosive or toxic in America are regulated under Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Congress developed an exclusion for household waste. Under this exclusion, found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 261.4, wastes generated by normal household activities (e.g., routine house and yard maintenance) are excluded from the definition of hazardous waste. Specifically, wastes covered by the household hazardous waste exclusion must satisfy two criteria:

1. The waste must be generated by individuals on the premise of a temporary or permanent residence, and
2. The waste stream must be composed primarily of materials found in wastes generated by consumers in their homes.
<https://www.epa.gov/hw/household-hazardous-waste-hhw>

If you have questions please contact the
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