

## For More Information

## Help Prevent Ocean Pollution

A clean ocean and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and beaches are important to Los Angeles County. However, not properly disposing of household hazardous waste can lead to water pollution. Batteries, paint, oil, gardening chemicals and other hazardous materials cannot be thrown in the trash. They also must never be poured or thrown into yards, sidewalks, driveways, gutters or streets. Rain or other water could wash the materials into the storm drain and eventually into our waterways and the ocean. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated.

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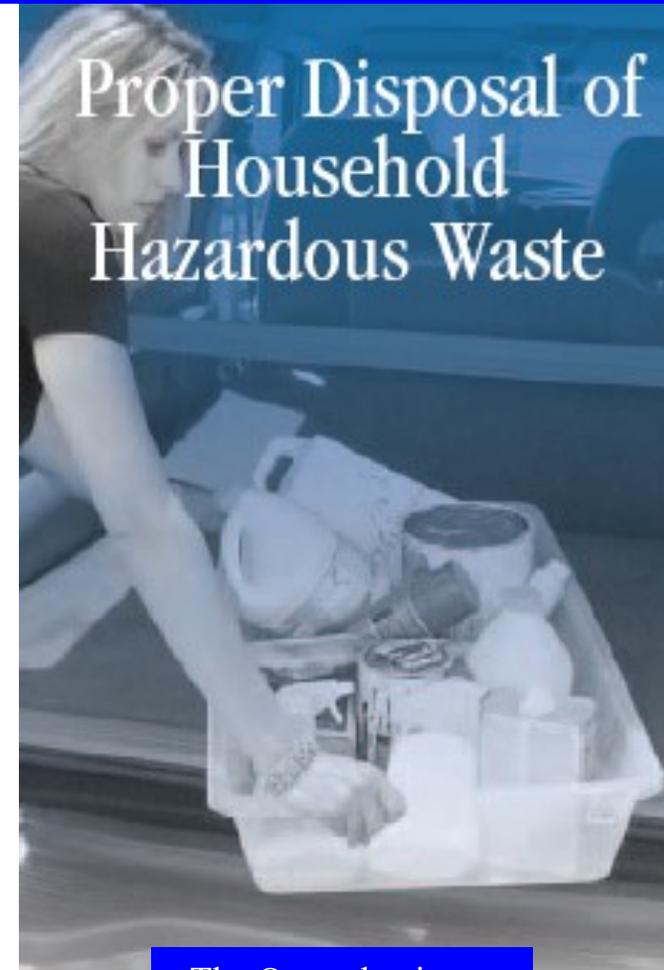
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**To Report Illegal Dumping into the County's Storm Drain System,  
Call:**

**1(888)CLEAN LA**

**24 Hours per Day**

The tips contained in this brochure provide useful information to help prevent water pollution. If you have other suggestions, please contact your city's stormwater representatives or call the Los Angeles County Stormwater Program.



Proper Disposal of  
Household  
Hazardous Waste

The Ocean begins at  
your front door.

**P R O J E C T**  
*Pollution*  
**P R E V E N T I O N**

# Help Prevent Ocean Pollution: Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

## *Never dispose of household hazardous waste in the street, gutter, or storm drain.*

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW." HHW can be found in your bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and garage."

Improper disposal of HHW include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm drains, or in some cases putting them out with the trash.

Proper disposal of HHW is actually easy. Many materials (like antifreeze, Latex-based paint, motor oil, and batteries) can be recycled. HHW can be used as an alternative fuel or taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center free of charge.



## *Common household hazardous wastes:*

- Batteries
- Paint and paint products
- Adhesives
- Drain openers
- Household cleaning products
- Wood and metal cleaners and polishes
- Herbicides and pesticides
- Fungicides/wood preservatives
- Automotive Products (Antifreeze, motor oil, fluids)
- Grease and rust solvents
- Fluorescent lamps
- Mercury (thermometers & thermostats)
- Cathode Ray Tubes (TV/Computer Monitors)
- Pool & Spa Chemicals

**When possible, use non-hazardous  
or  
less-hazardous products.**

## *Tips for household hazardous waste:*

- Never dispose of household hazardous waste in the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Keep these materials in closed, labeled containers and store materials indoors or under a cover.
- When possible, use non-hazardous products.
- Reuse products whenever possible or share with family and friends.
- Purchase only as much of a product as you'll need. Empty containers may be disposed of in the trash.
- Household hazardous waste can be harmful to humans, pets and the environment. Report emergencies to 911

For more information about pollution protection  
or additional brochures  
PLEASE CALL:

City of Gardena  
(310) 217-9528



**Do your part to prevent water pollution in our creeks, rivers, bays and ocean.**