# Household Hazardous Materials

## What are household hazardous materials?

Household hazardous materials (HHMs) are products that can be found in everyone's home or on the farm. HHMs are everyday products that pose a threat to health, safety or environment if handled improperly. All HHMs have at least one of these characteristics: Flammability, Reactivity, Corrosiveness or Toxicity.

## What are some examples of HHMs?

**Automotive Products:** antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline or diesel fuel, oil, transmission fluid, windshield wiper fluid.
**Home Improvement Products:** adhesives, paint, stain, varnish, paint thinner, wood preservatives (solvent-based products only).
**Cleaners:** floor wax/stripper, toilet bowl cleaner, furniture polish, metal cleaner, spot remover, window cleaner.
**Pesticides:** flea collars, fungus-control chemicals, mothballs, insecticides, rat poison, weed and brush killers.
**Miscellaneous:** aerosol cans (not empty), hobby paints, button batteries, mercury thermometers, pool chemicals, kerosene.

## How do I dispose of HHMs?

Use a Regional Collection Center (RCC) for HHMs. Dickinson County has a RCC (located just east of Milford). The RCC is available, free of charge, to the residents of Dickinson County to safely dispose of HHMs.

## Can businesses use the RCC?

Certain small businesses may qualify to use the RCC, upon meeting eligibility requirements. Call the RCC for more information (338-2549).

## What is the process to use the RCC?

1 First and foremost, an appointment must be made prior to HHM drop-off - no exceptions.
2 At the time of making your appointment, a self-inventory sheet will be made available for you to fill out. The inventory sheet will allow you to appraise your waste for type and quantity. The inventory sheet will also require you to provide some background information (resident of where, how did you know about the RCC, HHMs brought in were from where, etc.)
3 Be Safe While Transporting your HHMs!! Insure that all items are secure and not leaking.

## Unacceptable Items

Radioactive and explosive materials can not be accepted at an RCC. The RCC staff can provide information on how to dispose of these types of waste. Unknown/unlabeled materials also can not be accepted.
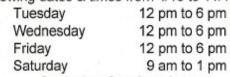
## Reuse of collected HHMs

Because many collected HHMs can be re-used, the RCC has a "Swap Shop" where such items are made available, free of charge, to persons who can use the products.

## Hours of operation

HHMs are accepted at the RCC on the following dates & times from 4/15 to 11/15:

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| Tuesday | 12 pm to 6 pm |
| Wednesday | 12 pm to 6 pm |
| Friday | 12 pm to 6 pm |
| Saturday | 9 am to 1 pm |

Contact us for winter hours

## Want More Information?

Questions on disposing of HHMs are welcomed at the RCC. Call us at 338-2549 or check out our web site at:
www.dickinsonrecycling.com

## Latex/Water Based Products

Latex and water based products are not classified as hazardous material BUT can not be discarded with regular trash without first being dried out. Examples of ways to dry these type of products are: Expose the product to air and/or sunlight by way of pouring the material onto cardboard or plastic and let dry or add a drying agent such as wood chips or cat litter to the product to thicken up the product. In either case, once the product is no longer flowable, it can be disposed of with your regular trash. These products can also be brought to the RCC for disposal for a nominal fee of $2 for up to 5 gal sized container and $4 per container for 5 gallon and larger.