

## RU Article – What is Household Hazardous Waste?

The easiest way to determine if a product is hazardous is to read the label. Words like “Danger”, “Poison”, “Warning”, or “Caution” are clear giveaways that you’re dealing with hazardous material. The words “Poison” and “Danger” specifically indicate the highest hazard levels.

- **Poison** means that a product is highly toxic and can cause injury or death if ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin.
- **Danger** means that a product is highly toxic, flammable, or corrosive. Products labeled “Danger” may also be poisonous and can potentially cause serious skin or eye damage or easily cause a fire. “Danger” can be found on various cleaners, polishes, paint strippers, and pesticides.

Any product labeled with the above words should **never** go into the garbage at home. Instead, they should be taken to a Hazardous Waste facility at any of the three transfer stations in Clark County. Residents can bring products for free on certain days of the week. Visit [www.columbiareourcecompany.com](http://www.columbiareourcecompany.com) to check the camera for a real-time idea of possible lines at the transfer stations.

### Central Hazardous Waste Facility

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
11034 NE 117th Ave., Vancouver  
(360) 256-8482

### West Van Hazardous Waste Facility

Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
6601 NW Old Lower River Rd., Vancouver  
(360) 737-1727

### Washougal Hazardous Waste Facility

First & Third Saturday of each month, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
4020 S Grant St., Washougal  
(360) 835-2500

## What can I bring to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility?

- **Aerosol products (NO compressed gas cylinders)** – All varieties, including paint, cleaners, pesticides, etc.
- **Fire Extinguishers**
- **Automotive products** – Used motor oil (up to five gallons), antifreeze, gasoline, vehicle batteries, engine cleaners, degreasers, transmission fluid, oil filters
- **Batteries** – Household (AA, AAA, C, D, NiCad, Lithium, Mercury)
- **Corrosives** – acid or alkaline
- **Fluorescent bulbs, tubes, and ballasts**

- **Household Cleaners** – Disinfectant, furniture strippers, oven cleaners, floor cleaners, waxes and polish,
- **Medications (NO controlled substances)**
- **Mercury Items** – thermometers, thermostats, switches
- **Paints and solvents** – Turpentine, kerosene, rust remover, paint thinner, deck stains, concrete sealer
- **Poisons and Pesticides** – Fungicides, herbicides (including fertilizers with weed killer), insecticides, and rodenticides
- **Pool, spa, and photographic chemicals**
- **Propane** – Up to 5 gallons

**Household Hazardous Waste Facilities do not accept:** Any amounts greater than 25 gallons or 200 pounds, leaking containers, asbestos, explosives or ammunition, radioactive material, infectious waste, or business generated waste.