

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is leftover household products that are **flammable, corrosive, reactive** or **poisonous**. It also includes some liquid products that should not be disposed of in the garbage or down the drain.

Important Notice!

The RDN does **NOT** accept materials included in B.C.'s **Provincial HHW Recycling Programs**.

Provincial HHW Recycling Programs accept only select recyclable materials, such as:

- Paints and stains*
- Used oil and antifreeze*
- Flammable liquids and gasoline*
- Batteries*
- Medications*
- Pesticides*

**Exclusions and drop-off conditions exist*

These materials can be returned to participating recycling depots without an appointment and at no additional charge. Find out where at rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where. See the back of this pamphlet to learn more about these programs.

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Program Eligibility

This program is open to RDN residents only.

Reduce Your HHW Output

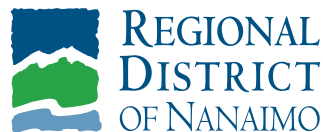
Only buy as much as you need. **Consider donating** unused products to non-profit organizations or offer them to a friend or neighbour.

B.C.'s Recycling Programs

B.C. requires that producers of certain product types must collect and recycle their waste products and packaging. This approach to recycling is called **Extended Producer Responsibility** (EPR). Similar products, like paints and stains, are often managed by a single EPR program.

EPR programs are funded by environmental handling fees that are added to consumer purchases of program products.

To learn more, visit gov.bc.ca and search for **Extended Producer Responsibility**.



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Scheduling an HHW Drop-Off

To drop off your HHW at an RDN solid waste facility, you are first required to **register your HHW**. This step will:

- Ensure prohibited materials are directed to the proper disposal locations
- Improve safety for residents and RDN staff
- Reduce disposal fees and operational costs

Register your HHW materials:

- Call the RDN HHW hotline **250-390-5427**
- Email a list and pictures of your HHW to **hhw@rdn.bc.ca**

RDN staff will review your items to ensure they are suitable for the program. They will respond with a schedule of **drop-off dates and time slots** to choose from and provide safe handling and transportation instructions!

HHW Fees and Surcharges

Fees and surcharges are subject to change.

CATEGORY	0-25 KG	OVER 25 KG
A HHW	\$10 (flat rate)	\$0.30/kg
B Surcharge for Special HHW*	\$20	
C Surcharge per pressurized cylinder, non-refillable	\$10	
D Surcharge per pressurized cylinder, refillable	\$50	
E Surcharge for loads of HHW containing unidentifiable (unknown) items.	\$5	

**Special HHW includes highly toxic materials that require special handling.*

Accepted Materials

The following items are accepted in the RDN's HHW program. Please note that this is not a complete list. If you don't see an item in the list below, you can look it up at rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where

AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

Air conditioner refrigerant
 Auto body filler
 Auto body paint (non-aerosol)
 Detailing products:

- Cleaners and shampoos
- Polishes and waxes
- Protectants
- Tire shine

 Diesel fuel (in a ULC-approved container)
 Fuel and oil additives
 Hardeners (curing agents)
 Oil or fuel-soaked fabrics or debris
 Windshield washer fluid

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

Bleach
 Cleaners:

- All-purpose cleaner
- Ammonia
- Glass cleaner
- Metal cleaner
- Oven cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Tub and tile cleaner
- Upholstery cleaner

 Disinfectants
 Drain opener
 Lamp oil, torch oil and lighter fluid
 Lye (sodium hydroxide)
 Muriatic acid (hydrochloric acid)
 Polishes and waxes
 Pool and hot tub chemicals
 Rust remover and descaler
 Spot and stain remover

BUILDING SUPPLY PRODUCTS

Caulking
 Foam sealant
 Glues/adhesives (non-flammable)
 Paint-related products:

- Craft and artist's paints
- Non-liquid paints
- Paint additives and tints
- Two-part paints

 Sealers
 Resins and fillers
 Solvents (non-flammable)
 Tar, asphalt and rubber-based coatings

HOBBY CHEMICALS

Chemistry sets
 Electroplating solutions
 Home laboratory chemicals
 Metal and glass etchants
 Photographic chemicals

COMPRESSED GASES

Bear spray
 Butane canisters
 Non-refillable gas cylinders
 Refillable gas cylinders (125 cf max)
 Two-part spray foam kit

GARDENING & PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS

Chemical fertilizers
 Flea/tick pet products
 Insect and pest repellents
 Pesticides (label missing the Poison Symbol or the word "DOMESTIC")

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

Hair dye
 Hairspray
 Nail polish remover
 Rubbing alcohol

MERCURY-CONTAINING PRODUCTS

Liquid mercury
 Mercury switches
 Thermometers and barometers
 Thermostats

Prohibited Materials

The following materials are **NOT** accepted in the RDN's HHW program. Visit rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where for disposal options.

- Provincial HHW Recycling Program materials
- Agricultural, business, industrial or institutional hazardous wastes
- Ammo, fireworks and flares
- Bilge water
- Biohazardous and pharmaceutical substances
- Toxic, corrosive or unlabeled gases
- Non-hazardous wastes:
 - Dried out products
 - Empty containers
 - Personal care products (unless labeled flammable)
 - Spent sorbent materials