

## Weekly Safety Tip

### Household Hazardous Waste

Most factories and offices have a plan to deal with hazardous waste, but very few households have a similar plan to safely dispose of hazardous products. Batteries, cleaners, pesticides, light bulbs, and even medications are only a few items that should be disposed of properly and NOT flushed down a drain or placed in the garbage where they could potentially contaminate the streams and groundwater.

Following is a short list of the many products that require special handling and disposal:

Batteries – automotive and rechargeable  
Light Bulbs – fluorescent and mercury  
Mercury Switches and Thermometers  
Oil Based Paints and Thinners  
Televisions, Computes & Electronics  
Fireworks  
Weed Killers  
Pool Chemicals

Antifreeze  
Ammonia/Bleach  
Cleaners/Solvents  
Gasoline/Fuel  
Used Oil & Filters  
Pesticides  
Cooking Grease  
Medications

Many communities and private organizations have drop off locations where hazardous materials can be taken for proper handling and disposal. Check out your local newspaper for the time and place to dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste.



**Pollution Prevention Starts At Home**