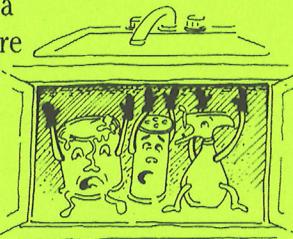


Round up your household
"chemical leftovers"
for safe, convenient disposal.



They're everywhere! They're everywhere!

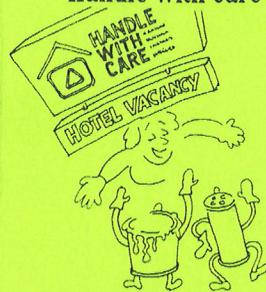
Just about every home has a stockpile of them somewhere — in the garage, bathroom, pantry or in the cabinets under the kitchen sink. Things like old paint, drain



cleaner, cleansers, waxes, solvents, pesticides and other chemical products.

They are considered hazardous because they can harm people, animals and the environment when they are stockpiled, abandoned or disposed of improperly. The big problem these products pose for homeowners is that unused portions of them tend to collect in our homes because we aren't sure how to dispose of them properly.

"Handle With Care" is here!



The Handle With Care household hazardous waste program gives you a way to dispose of these troublesome items safely. Through this program, Madison County and Huntsville residents can bring their household hazardous wastes to the Handle With Care Collection Center where these potentially harmful materials will be properly managed and disposed of.



Please read the questions and answers about the program, and you'll see just how easy it is to use this handy service. If you have questions about things we haven't covered in this pamphlet, please call **882-0155**.



Who can participate in the program?



All private residents of Madison County and the City of Huntsville. This program is for residents only. We cannot accept hazardous wastes from farms, businesses or non-profit agencies.

How does the program operate?

There are two ways to dispose of your household hazardous wastes through the Handle With Care program:

1. Bring your materials to the Handle With Care Collection Center at 4100 Leeman Ferry Road in Huntsville. It's located at the Solid Waste Disposal Authority landfill, just south of the intersection of Leeman Ferry Road and Johnson Road.
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - Noon on the first Saturday of each month.



2. If you think you have a particularly dangerous waste (explosives, for example) or a material you can't identify, call **882-0155** and we will schedule an appointment to pick it up at your home.



Which waste materials will the center accept?

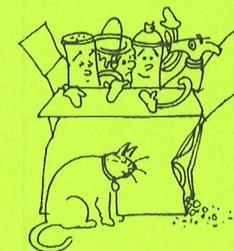
Please see the checklist on the back of this brochure.

How much waste can you accept from my home?

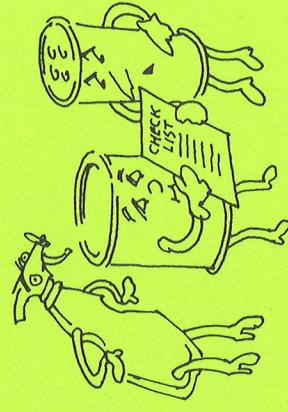
Please limit your waste to five gallons or 15 pounds per material each time you visit the collection center. For example, you could bring 10 half-full cans of paint, 10 pounds of weed killer and three pounds of rat poison in one trip. We could not accept 20 pounds of insecticide in one trip.

How should I package my waste materials for disposal?

Please bring your household hazardous wastes in their original containers, if possible. If the container is damaged, place the damaged container in a box lined with two plastic bags or in a metal container with a lid. If the container is leaking liquid, pack it in cat litter, sawdust, sand or a similar absorbent material.



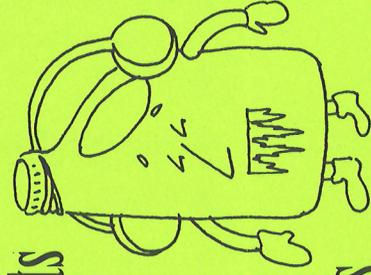
The Handle With Care Disposal Checklist



The following materials are acceptable for disposal at the Handle With Care Collection Center. Please post this chart where you can refer to it easily.

Automotive Products

Transmission fluid
Brake fluid
Anti-freeze
Car batteries



Household Cleaners

Oven cleaners
Toilet cleaners
Disinfectants
Drain cleaners
Rug & upholstery cleaners
Floor & furniture polishes
Ammonia or bleach-based products

Paints & Related Products

Oil- or water-based paints*
Mineral spirits
Turpentine & thinners
Furniture strippers
Paint removers
Stains
Aerosols



Pesticides & Insecticides

Rodent poisons
Roach & flea powder
House & garden products

Household Batteries

All types



Old TV's & Computers

Televisions
Computers
Computer Monitors

Herbicides, Pesticides & Fungicides

Weed killers
Liquids
Powders
Sprays
Soaps



Miscellaneous

Photographic chemicals
Pool chemicals
Solvents
Acids

Prevention is the best cure!

Although the Handle With Care program can help you dispose of your unwanted household chemical products, the best way to get rid of them is not to collect them in the first place. Here are a few hints for reducing the "chemical clutter" in your home.

1. Only purchase the amount of product you will use in a reasonable period of time. When buying paint, insecticides or pesticides, figure the area you will be working with, then check the product label for coverage instructions.
2. Use all of the product according to the instructions on the label. Rinse the empty container three times before disposing of it in your regular household trash.
3. See if your neighbors or local organizations can use any excess product you may have left over.
4. Become a label reader. Just as consumers are becoming more environmentally conscious, so are the manufacturers. Try to purchase environmentally friendly products.

*If your cans of water-based paint are less than 1/3 full, remove the lid and allow the water to evaporate. When paint has solidified, replace lid and place can in your regular household trash.

If you have questions about which materials are acceptable for the Handle With Care program, please call 882-0155.

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Huntsville, Alabama

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