

HAZARDOUS WASTE INFORMATION

The following table explains a variety of common household items that are potentially hazardous.

Along with the particular hazard characteristic labeled, there is also disposal directions and information on safer alternatives with 'recipes' you can easily create at home with common products.

HOUSEHOLD ITEM	HAZARD	DISPOSAL	SAFER ALTERNATIVES
Disinfectants	Toxic	Use existing product, then convert	Use 125mL borax in 4.5 liters of water
Drain Cleaner	Toxic Corrosive	Waste Depot	Use a handful of baking soda with 125mL of vinegar & allow to sit 1 hour then clear out.
Chlorine Bleach	Corrosive Toxic	Use existing product, then convert	Use 1 part hydrogen peroxide to 5 parts of water per load.
Spray Starch	Flammable	Use existing product, then convert	Mix 15mL corn starch with 250mL water in pump spray bottle
Paint Strippers	Flammable Toxic	Waste Depot	Use a heat gun and sandpaper.
Stains & Finishes	Toxic Flammable	Waste Depot	Use latex paint or natural earth pigment finishes
Fertilizers	Toxic	Use existing product, then convert	Organic fertilizer, compost, mulch
Herbicides	Toxic	Waste Depot	Keep grass short, hand weeding
Dish Detergents	Phosphates	Use existing product, then convert	Use commercial phosphate free or environmentally friendly soaps
Silver Polish	Corrosive Toxic	Waste Depot	Soak in boiling water with baking soda, salt & a piece of aluminum
Floor Cleaner	Corrosive Toxic	Waste Depot	Use 75mL washing soda & 125mL ammonia in 4 litres of warm water
Furniture Polish	Toxic	Use existing product, then convert	Use 1 part lemon juice to 2 parts olive or vegetable oil
Batteries	Toxic	Waste Depot	Use rechargeable batteries or adapter & power cord