

# Corvallis Household Hazardous Waste Guide

Provided by your recycling block captain, January 2013

## WHAT IS HAZARDOUS WASTE?

According to the EPA, each US household produces an average of 20 lbs. of hazardous waste per year, for a total of 530,000 tons! Improper disposal can harm sanitation workers, pollute drinking water and harm the environment. That's why it is important to minimize the use of hazardous materials and dispose of it properly.

A product is considered hazardous when it has one or more of the following properties:

- **Flammable/combustible:** Can easily be ignited
- **Explosive/reactive:** Can detonate or explode through exposure to heat, sudden shock or pressure
- **Corrosive/caustic:** Can burn and destroy living tissue
- **Toxic/poisonous:** Capable of causing injury or death through ingestion, inhalation, or absorption
- **Radioactive:** Can damage and destroy cells and chromosomal material

## HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDE

### Household Hazardous Waste Events

Held at the Republic Services Depot, 110 NE Walnut Blvd in Corvallis. Free for residential customers.

#### EVENT DATES:

Held quarterly at the Corvallis depot. Learn about upcoming dates by calling Republic Services at 541-754-0444 or downloading the calendar at <http://tiny.cc/rscorvallis>.

#### ACCEPTED ITEMS:

E-waste (TVs, laptops, computers & monitors only)  
Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs)  
Batteries, household  
Batteries, automotive  
Fluorescent light tubes and ballasts  
Smoke detectors  
Pesticides  
Insecticides  
Herbicides  
Paint  
Sealants  
Cleaners  
Automotive fluids  
Any other product labeled "dangerous," "warning" or "caution"

### Year-Round Drop Sites (Call ahead for hours)

#### BATTERIES

**Republic Services Depot**  
110 NE Walnut Blvd, 754-0444  
Household & other small batteries (laptop, power tools, etc.).

**Battery Xchange**  
947 NW 9th St, 757-6564  
Car & computer batteries. Will pay for some type of batteries.

**Corvallis Battery**  
516 SW 4th St, 286-4028  
Every kind of battery (household, computer, car, renewable energy, electric vehicles, etc.), but lead acid only. Will pay for your batteries.

**First Alternative Co-op Recycling Center**  
1007 SE 3rd St, 753-3115  
Household only.

**OSU Valley Library**  
201 SW Waldo Pl, by the coffee shop  
Household only.

**ACCEPT CAR BATTERIES ONLY:** **Knecht's** (1810 NW 9th St, (866) 306-9029), **Les Schwab** (2119 NW 9th St, 752-3413), **AutoZone** (2108 NW 9th St, 752-9050) & **NAPA Auto Parts** (921 NW 9th St, 753-4459).



#### PAINT

Note: Dried paint is not recyclable & should be discarded.

**Benton Habitat for Humanity ReStore**  
4840 SW Philomath Blvd, 752-6637  
All interior or exterior paint (reusable or not), stains (only if reusable and mostly full) & sealed spray paint.

**Sherwin Williams**  
2495 NW 9th St, 757-1619  
Interior & exterior paint in labeled containers.



#### LIGHT BULBS

**Republic Services Depot**  
110 NE Walnut Blvd, 754-0444  
CFLs only (tubes accepted during HHW events only; see left).

**Home Depot**  
1780 NE 4 Acre St, 758-9303  
CFLs only (individually wrapped/boxed).



#### ELECTRONICS

**Corvallis Goodwill**  
1325 NW 9th St, 752-8278  
All electronics.

**Republic Services Depot**  
110 NE Walnut Blvd, 754-0444  
TVs, laptops, computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, mice, and cell phones only.



## LESS TOXIC ALTERNATIVES: CLEANING PRODUCTS

Switching to non-hazardous alternatives is simple and often saves money. Cleaning products are a great place to start!



Find recipes and alternatives for air fresheners, disinfectants, pesticides, rug cleaners and more! Download the Oregon DEQ Hazardless Home Handbook at [www.tiny.cc/wo6sow](http://www.tiny.cc/wo6sow).

#### HOUSEHOLD CLEANER RECIPES

- | Recipe 1          | Recipe 2                |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 4 Tbs baking soda | 1/2 cup vinegar         |
| 1 qt warm water   | 1 cup - 1 qt warm water |
- Mix together ingredients of one of the recipes above in a spray bottle. Use to clean counter tops, floors, walls, carpet and upholstery.