

# HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

VENTURA COUNTY ONLY

Hazardous material and electronic waste cannot be disposed of in your recycling, organics and/or trash containers, nor in the environment, down drains, and/or gutters. The following list includes the most common Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items.

**Residents:** The County of Ventura holds monthly events for the collection of hazardous waste on an appointment basis at the Pollution Prevention Center. Most jurisdictions offer monthly HHW collection events by appointment and some have an online appointment system for added convenience. These collection events are free for residents. For a list of City and County hazardous waste collection events, accepted waste types, and additional information, visit [VCPublicWorks.org/WSD/IWMD/HazardousWaste/](http://VCPublicWorks.org/WSD/IWMD/HazardousWaste/).

**Businesses:** To schedule a hazardous or electronic waste collection, call Athens' Customer Service at (833) 791-2377 or visit [AthensServices.com/Customer-Service](http://AthensServices.com/Customer-Service).

## Automotive Products

- Carburetor & fuel injection cleaners
- Air conditioning refrigerants
- Transmission & brake fluid
- Automotive batteries
- Starter fluids
- Motor oil & filters
- Fuel additives
- Antifreeze



## Other Flammable Products

- Propane tanks & other compressed gas cylinders
- Kerosene
- Home heating oil
- Diesel fuel
- Gas/oil mix
- Lighter fluid



## Workshop/Painting Supplies

- Adhesives & glues
- Furniture strippers
- Oil or enamel based paint
- Stains & finishes
- Paint thinners & turpentine
- Paint strippers & removers
- Photographic chemicals
- Fixatives & other solvents



## Cleaning Products

- Wood and metal cleaners & polishes
- Tub, tile, & shower cleaners
- Drain cleaners
- Oven cleaners
- Toilet cleaners
- Bleach (laundry)
- Pool chemicals



## Indoor Pesticides

- Ant sprays & baits
- Cockroach sprays & baits
- Flea repellents & shampoos
- Bug sprays
- Houseplant insecticides
- Moth repellents
- Mouse & rat poisons & baits



## Miscellaneous

- Batteries
- Mercury thermostats & thermometers
- Fluorescent light bulbs & tubes
- Driveway sealer
- Sharps, needles, & lancets (if in FDA approved, rigid, puncture-resistant container)



## Lawn & Garden Products

- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Fungicides/wood preservatives



## Electronics & Small Appliances

- Cell phone & tablets
- Computer monitors, towers, & laptops
- Desktop, printer, & scanner
- DVD, VCR, & music players
- Keyboard, mouse, & external hard drive
- Microwaves & small appliances
- TVs & gaming consoles
- Related cords



## HOW TO HANDLE BATTERIES

It is illegal to place batteries in your waste bins. Batteries should be disposed of as hazardous waste. They can spark fires or create an unsafe environment for waste workers. If properly collected, battery recyclers can repurpose the metal.

### Storage tips to avoid short-circuiting and fires:

- Place a piece of non-conductive tape or duct-tape on the ends. **Do not cover the brand name or chemistry of the battery.**
- Store batteries in a container that does not conduct electricity (like plastic, cardboard, or glass).



## MEDICATION DISPOSAL\*

Medication includes:

- Over-the-counter & prescription medications
- Medicated lotions & ointments
- Pet medications
- Schedule II – V controlled substances

\*Not all hazardous waste facilities and events accept medication.

Scan the QR code to learn about medication preparation and find free disposal sites.

