

# WHAT TO DO WITH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE TAKE, TOSS or POUR?

Many household products contain hazardous materials. Improper disposal of these products can cause fires, injuries, and groundwater contamination. This guide will help you identify hazardous products.

## GARAGE and WORKSHOP

	TAKE TO WLSSD	TOSS IN TRASH	POUR IN DRAIN
Acetone	✓		
Adhesive, solvent-based	✓		
Antifreeze	✓		
Artist's paints and media	✓		
Autobody repair products	✓		
Battery acid	✓		
Brake fluid	✓		
Car batteries	✓		
Car wax, solvent-based	✓		
Concrete cleaner	✓		
Contact cement	✓		
Driveway sealer	✓		
Fiberglass epoxy	✓		
Flares/Fusees	✓		
Gasoline and other fuels	✓		
Glue, solvent-based	✓		
Glue, water-based		✓	
Joint compound		✓	
Lighter fluid	✓		
Motor oil	✓		
Oil filters	✓		
Other oils	✓		
Paint, all types	✓		
Paint cans, empty		✓	
Paint thinner	✓		
Paint stripper	✓		
Parts cleaner, degreaser	✓		
Photographic chemicals	✓		
Roof/foundation coating	✓		
Rust remover	✓		
Shellac	✓		
Stain	✓		
Transmission fluid	✓		
Turpentine	✓		
Varnish	✓		
Windshield washer solution	✓		
Wood filler	✓		
Wood preservative	✓		

## KITCHEN and BATHROOM

	TAKE TO WLSSD	TOSS IN TRASH	POUR IN DRAIN
Alcohol-based lotions (perfume, aftershave)	✓		
Bleach			✓
Cleaners, ammonia-based			✓
Cleaners, solvent-based	✓		
Cosmetics		✓	
Disinfectants			✓
Drain cleaner			✓
Floor care products	✓		
Hair remover	✓		
Medicine (see back)		✓	
Nail polish	✓		
Nail polish remover	✓		
Oven cleaner	✓		
Permanent wave solution			✓
Skin cream		✓	
Toilet bowl cleaner			✓
Tub and tile cleaner			✓
Window cleaner	✓		

**NOTE:** SEPTIC SYSTEMS may be adversely affected by large quantities of "pour in drain" materials. Those products should be taken to a hazardous waste collection site.

### THINK BEFORE YOU BUY

Read the label carefully and follow label directions for safe use, storage and disposal.

Switch to safer substitutes, or use the least-toxic product to accomplish the job.

Purchase only the amount you need and use up what you buy.

### PRODUCT REUSE CENTER

Check out WLSSD's onsite Product Reuse Center, where pre-owned but perfectly usable items are available at no charge.

### PROPER DISPOSAL TIPS

Empty containers should be placed in the trash.

Never pour oil, antifreeze or other hazardous materials on the ground, into storm sewers, or down the drain.

## HOME and GARDEN

	TAKE TO WLSSD	TOSS IN TRASH	POUR IN DRAIN
Aerosol cans, empty		✓	
Aerosol cans, full	✓		
Ammunition	✓		
Batteries, alkaline		✓	
Batteries, all rechargeables, button	✓		
Charcoal lighter fluid	✓		
Dry cleaning solvent	✓		
Fertilizer		✓	
Fertilizer with weed killer	✓		
Fireworks	✓		
Fluorescent tubes	✓		
Fungicide	✓		
Furniture polish	✓		
Insect killer (insecticide)	✓		
Insect spray, repellent	✓		
Light ballasts	✓		
Light bulbs fluorescent/CFL	✓		
Light bulbs incandescent, LED, halogen		✓	
Mercury compounds	✓		
Mercury, thermometers	✓		
Mercury, thermostats	✓		
Metal polish, solvent-based	✓		
Mothballs	✓		
Pesticide	✓		
Pool chemicals	✓		
Rat poison	✓		
Rechargeable batteries	✓		
Shoe polish	✓		
Smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors (remove rechargeable batteries)			✓
Spot remover	✓		
Stump remover	✓		
Weed killer (herbicide)	✓		



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### YEAR-ROUND HOURS:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
8 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday - Wednesday Closed

Call for holiday hours

# MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Old and unwanted medicines in your home can pose a risk for accidental poisoning, theft, and drug abuse. Research also shows that medicine put down the drain or flushed may pollute water and harm fish and wildlife.

What should I do with my unwanted prescription, over-the-counter, and pet medications?

**1. Take it to the Box.** You can safely dispose of unwanted and expired materials at a year round drop box located in law enforcement facilities. See below for regional *Take it to the Box* locations.

**2. Medicine Cabinet Clean-Out events** at the Household Hazardous Waste facility at 27th Ave. W. & the Waterfront. Residents may drop off unwanted medications 8 am to 4:30 pm during these events. Medications are only accepted at this facility on special collection days.

**3. Dispose of medicine in the trash.** Drop off options are best



because they ensure proper disposal, but if you are unable to use them, follow these instructions:

1. Scratch out the patients name
2. Add liquid, sawdust, or spices to destroy the product
3. Seal the container with strong tape
4. Hide it in a non-transparent container or bag
5. Throw it away as close to trash pick-up as possible

Prepare for all drop off programs:

- Keep medications in the original container and place in a sealed, clear plastic bag.
- Use marker to cross out your name on the container. Drop off is anonymous — no ID is required.
- If you don't have the original container, place it in a clear plastic bag and write the name of the medication on the bag.
- Needles, syringes, lancets, and thermometers are only accepted at the WLSSD Household Hazardous Waste facility at 27th Ave. W. & the Waterfront in Duluth.
- Businesses must call the Clean Shop at 218-726-1602 to schedule an appointment.



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### TAKE IT TO THE BOX LOCATIONS *Free Medication Disposal*

**Duluth PD/St. Louis Co. Sheriff Public Safety Building**  
2030 Arlington Avenue, Duluth  
Open 8 am to 4 pm Monday - Friday

**West Duluth Police Substation**  
830 Grand Avenue, Duluth (Entrance is on Roosevelt St.)  
Open 8 am to 4 pm Monday - Friday

**Hermantown Police Department**  
5111 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown  
Open 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

**Proctor Police Department**  
100 Pionk Drive, Proctor  
Open 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

### OTHER FREE REGIONAL PROGRAMS

**Superior Police Department**  
1316 N 14th Street, Suite 150, Superior WI  
Open 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

**Carlton County Planning & Zoning**  
Three locations, see [co.carlton.mn.us](http://co.carlton.mn.us) for details

**St. Louis County Environmental Services**  
Eight locations, see [stlouiscountymn.gov](http://stlouiscountymn.gov) for details

**Select Pharmacies**  
Eight locations in the Duluth area, see  
[wlssd.com/education/pollution-prevention/medicine/](http://wlssd.com/education/pollution-prevention/medicine/)