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A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

When rain falls and snow melts, the runoff produced picks up a variety of contaminants such as oil, metals, salts, pet waste, fertilizer, and grass clippings as it flows over roofs, roadways, sidewalks and lawns.

Stormwater runoff ultimately flows into storm drains.

Remember: storm drains lead directly to our local rivers and streams.

Some products we use in and around our homes can harm people and pollute our rivers, lakes and drinking water. These items are called "household hazardous waste". They need safe disposal and should never be dumped down storm drains, thrown in the trash or dumped on the ground. Some examples include cleaning products like bleach, tub and tile cleaners and drain cleaners, paint and automotive products like antifreeze and motor oil.



To safely dispose of these products, many communities host hazardous waste drop off events, or offer drop off locations. Check your city or township website or find your county information below:

Macomb County:

<https://bit.ly/3FnhJuv>

Oakland County:

<https://bit.ly/3FiZICZ>

Wayne County:

<https://bit.ly/3KOWZge>

To see if something is considered household hazardous waste, check your county website for a list, or look for words such as 'warning,' 'caution,' 'flammable,' 'toxic,' 'poison,' 'corrosive,' or 'oxidizer,' on the label.



POISON



EXPLOSIVE



CORROSIVE



FLAMMABLE

Be sure to store products in their original container with labels. Only buy what you need and will use. Never pour oil, paints, or chemicals directly down the sink or outside.

Consider using homemade, natural cleaning products.

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