

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

HHW can be found in many locations throughout your home:

In the Garage:

- paint
- motor oil
- fertilizer
- antifreeze
- pesticides
- pool chemicals

In the House:

- cleaning chemicals
- pet supplies (flea/tick sprays, collars or shampoos)
- insect sprays + baits
- mercury thermometers

In the Bathroom:

- tub & tile cleaners
- hydrogen peroxide
- isopropyl alcohol
- nail polish + remover

To identify HHW look for these warning words on products:

toxic, warning, poison, flammable, corrosive, combustible, danger, irritant, and caution. (Taken from "Get the Power Over Household Chemical" by the Houston-Galveston Area Council)

WHY CAN'T HHW BE THROWN AWAY OR FLUSHED DOWN THE DRAIN?

When HHW is disposed of in the trash, it can contaminate landfills, and subsequently, our groundwater. When dumped onto the ground or poured in the storm sewer, HHW can contaminate surface water. In either case, water contamination results in higher water treatment costs and has a detrimental effect on the ecosystem.

RESIDENTS CURRENTLY HAVE TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO DISPOSE OF HHW PROPERLY.

Option 1: West U's HHW Voucher Program – The City offers a voucher for West U residents to dispose of residential HHW at the City of Houston facilities. The vouchers are issued on a first come first serve basis. The City pays a fee of \$75 for each voucher and there is a limit of 100 pounds per visit. The cost of the voucher is paid from the monthly solid waste fees collected by the City.

For more information on West U's HHW Voucher Program please visit www.westutx.gov/hhwvoucher, call the Public Works Department at 713-662-5839, or use the QR code to access more information.

Option 2: Harris County HHW Facility – The County operates a HHW facility that is open to all West U residents at no additional cost and does not require a voucher. This facility is funded through your property taxes paid to the County. For a complete list of items taken at this facility, please visit the website listed on the right, or use the QR code to access more information.



WEST U COLLECTS APP (for Android and Apple devices)

- Curbside Collection Reminders
- Schedule Change Notifications
- Special Collection Event Alerts

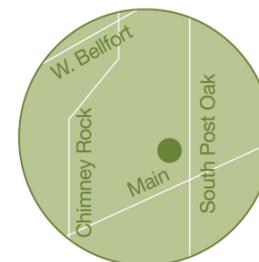


ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE CENTER (ESC – SOUTH) City of Houston

www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/esc-south.html

Tues & Wed 9 AM – 3 PM
2nd Sat of Month 9 AM – 1 PM

11500 South Post Oak Rd.
Houston, TX 77035

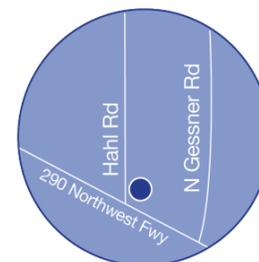


HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Harris County Facility | FREE for WEST U

Appointment required, schedule at
www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw_home.html
Questions:(346) 286-4299

Tues & Wed 9 am – 3 pm
2nd & 4th Sat of Month 9 am – 2 pm

6900 Hahl Road,
Houston, TX 77040
www.HCHHW.org



WHAT TO DO WITH IT?

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

WHERE TO DISPOSE OF/RECYCLE COMMON HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

1
CURBSIDE: CITY OF WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE

2
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE CENTER (ESC – SOUTH)

VOUCHER REQUIRED
Pick up from Public Works Office at 3826 Amherst St.

11500 South Post Oak Rd.
See back side for more information

3
BI-ANNUAL RECYCLING & SHREDDING EVENT

Held First Saturday in November and May, 9 am – 12 pm
More info can be found at www.westutx.gov/specialevents

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HARRIS COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE

FREE for Harris County Residents
6900 Hahl Rd.
Appointment Required.
See back for more information

BATTERIES

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Alkaline

Lead Acid, Rechargeable, Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-ION, tape the terminals for safety), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)

Household Trash

Home Depot, Target and Lowe's (rechargeable batteries, less than 11 lbs.) Batteries + Bulbs (Meyerland), accepts lead acid batteries only (no charge)

ELECTRONICS

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Electronics, anything electrical

Best Buy (free), Compucycle, Check Houston Zoo website for handheld electrical items accepted (free)

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Cell Phones (and handheld electronic devices)

Houston Zoo (box by entrance or mail to Zoo), Best Buy, Target. Check websites for acceptable items

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Cartridges, Inkjet and Toner

Office Depot, Best Buy, Target, Compucycle

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Aluminum cans, pans (clean), foil (clean)

Foil should be placed in ball, no smaller than 3" in diameter

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Metal Cans and Lids

METAL

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Metal scrap (scrap metal)

Rose Metals, C&D, or local scrap yards

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Hangers (metal)

Many local dry cleaners

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Appliances

Small appliances- ESC; Large Appliances- Bi-Annual Recycling and Shred-It event accepts appliances tagged as freon free. Use Appliance Recycle Services or Rose Metals

PLASTIC & FOAM

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Plastic Bags and film (grocery, sleeves, case and shrink wrap, cleaner bags)

Many local grocery stores

Plastic Containers, bottles, tops and lids (#1-7)

No Styrofoam

Packing Materials (deflated air pillows and bubble wrap)

Recycle at Target, Kroger. Reuse at local pack and ship stores

Packing Materials (styrofoam peanuts)

Check with local pack and ship stores (UPS, FedEx, etc.)

Styrofoam blocks (including clean food service items)

Place in household trash

Plastic plant containers and trays

Lowe's garden shops

PAPER & WOOD

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Cardboard

Limited greasy, food-stained cardboard okay

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Cartons (milk, juice, broth, wine, aseptic)

Tops on

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Paper (news, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, shredded, etc.)

If shredded, enclose in paper bag

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Paper Board (food boxes, packaging)

GLASS

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Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)

Home Depot and Lowes (CFLs only)

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Glass (bottles and jars, only)

Remove non-glass lids

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Costco; Pearle Vision, 3031 Kirby

FLAMMABLE

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Aerosol Cans- Empty

If medicinal, see pharmaceuticals

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Aerosol Cans-Partially full to full. (except freon and Mace at HCHHW Facility)

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Propane tanks (5 gal. maximum at ESC; small and BBQ size at HC HHW Collection Facility)

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Flammable Liquids (household, automotive)

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Antifreeze

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Caustic Liquids (Acids and Bases): cleaners, solvents, pool chemicals

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Herbicides, Insecticides, Pesticides, Pest Strips

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Paint (dried latex)

May be put in the trash

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Paint (latex and oil based), paint related products solvents, etc.

ESC has 25 gallon limit

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Fertilizer

TEXTILES

Linens (sheets, towels, small rugs)

ATRS bin located at SE corner of Old Spanish Trail and Kirby. SPCA, Humane Society

Textiles (clothes, shoes, linens, toys, stuffed animals, pillows)

ATRS bin located at SE corner of Old Spanish Trail and Kirby

Useful household items and clothing (drop-off)

Goodwill Donation Centers

Useful household items and clothing (pick-up)

Salvation Army, Purple Heart

OTHER

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Yard Waste

Use Compostable or Kraft Bag on recycling day, stack limbs. Restrictions outlined on WestU Collects app or city website

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Holiday Lights

Houston Zoo. Holiday season drop-off at Public Works.

Christmas Trees (Natural)

Place at curb.Remove ALL decorations/lights/stand. (two weeks following Christmas)

Pharmaceuticals (pills and medicines, no sharps)

Walgreens

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Oil (automotive), oil filters

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Fats, Oils, Greases (FOG), including cooking oil. Do not combine cooking oil with other oils.

Cooking-related FOGs may be composted using a curbside collection service.

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Tires

Max Limit of 5 per household at ESC (no commercial vehicle tires; and 4 per household/month at Harris County HHW Collection Facility)

Medical Equipment/Supplies

Medical Bridges, pick up or drop off, check webpage

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Mattress and Box Springs

Houston Furniture Bank. May be a drop-off fee