



What to do with it?

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.



Where to Dispose of/Recycle Common Household Items

Item Description		Alternatives to Trash/Dumpster
Aerosol cans: empty - full	3 5	If medicinal, see pharmaceuticals
Aluminum cans, pans (clean)	1 2	
Antifreeze	3 5	Some auto stores
Appliances	3	Small only, for large (most 75% steel) use appliance recycle service/Rose Metals
Batteries: Alkaline		Batteries+Bulbs (Meyerland) + other batteries, Fees may apply; may be trashed
Batteries: Lead acid, rechargeable, Ni-CD, Li-ion, Ni-MN	3 5	Home Depot and Lowes (rechargeable, less than 11 lbs)
Cardboard	1 2	
Cartons (milk, juice, broth, wine, aseptic)	1 2	Top on
Cartridges, inkjet and toner		Office Depot, Best Buy
Caustic liquids: cleaners, solvents, pool chemicals	3 5	
Cell phones (and handheld electronic devices)	3 4	Houston Zoo (box by entrance or mail to Zoo)
Christmas trees	1 2	Place at curb remove ALL decorations/lights/stand (two weeks following Christmas)
Computers, monitors, electronic devices	3 4	Compucycle (8019 Kempwood Dr.) 713-869-6700
Construction materials (bricks, cabinets, lumber, hardware, etc.)		City of Houston Reuse Warehouse, (9003 N Main) 281-814-3324
Corks		Specs, (Bissonnet/Holcombe), Texas Art Asylum (donations by appt., see website)
Electronics, anything electrical (Christmas tree lights to TVs)	3 4	Compucycle: Houston Zoo (Tree lights, holiday season. Drop off at Public Wks)
Eye glasses		Pearle Vision, 3031 Kirby, (713) 942-7733
Fertilizer	3 5	
Flammable liquids (household, automotive)	3 5	Some auto stores
Fluorescent bulbs (CFLs and Long)	3 5	Home Depot and Lowes (CFL's only) Batteries+Bulbs (fees may apply)
Glass (bottles and jars only)	1 2	Remove tops
Hangers (metal)		Many local dry cleaners
Herbicides, Insecticides, pest strips	3 5	
Linens (sheets, towels, small rugs)		ATRS donation located bin at NE corner at Buffalo Speedway and Westpark; SPCA Humane Society
Matress and box springs	4	Houston Furniture Bank, (713) 842-9771
Medical Equipment/Supplies		Medical Bridges, 2706 Magnet Street, pick up or drop off, 713-766-6554
Metal cans and lids (min 3" x 3")	1 2	
Metal scrap and lids smaller than 3" x 3"		Rose Metal, C&D, or local scrap yard
Oil (cooking and automotive), oil filters	3 5	
Packing materials (peanuts, bubble wrap, air pillows etc.)		Local pack and ship stores (UPS, FedEx, etc.)
Paint (latex and oil based), paint related products, solvents, etc.)	3 5	
Paper (news, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, shredded, etc.)	1 2	Shredded paper needs to be enclosed in a paper bag
Paper board (food boxes, packaging)	1 2	
Pharmaceuticals (pills and medicines, no sharps)		Walgreens, 5280 Buffalo Speedway
Plastic bags (grocery, sleeves, case & shrink wrap, cleaner bags)		Many local grocery stores. COVID may cause temporary changes
Plastic containers, bottles, tops and lids (#1-5 and 7)	1 2	No #6, Keep lids on containers
Plastic plant containers		Home Depot and Lowes garden shops
Propane tanks	3 5	
Styrofoam blocks (including clean food service items)	2 3	
Textiles (clothes, shoes, linens, toys, stuffed animals, pillows)		ATRS donation bin located at NE corner at Buffalo Speedway and Westpark.
Tires	3 5	Max 5 and 4 respectively
Useful household items and clothing (drop off)		Goodwill Donation Centers, 2428 W. Holcombe and 5213 Kirby
Useful household items and clothing (pick up)		Salvation Army, Purple Heart, Charity Clothing pick up
Yard waste	1	Use Compostable/Kraft bag on recycling day, stack limbs (limit 3" dia. x 4" length)

1 Curbside: City of West University Place

2 Westpark Consumer Recycling Center

3 Environmental Service Center (ESC – South)

City of Houston Facility

Mon-Sat 8 AM – 5 PM
5900 Westpark, (713) 668-9551

Items must be sorted prior to drop off

VOUCHER REQUIRED

Call Public Works (713) 662-5839

11500 South Post Oak Rd.

See reverse side for more information

4 West U Free Shredding Event

Held first Saturday in November and May, 9 AM – 12 PM

5 Harris County Hazardous Waste

FREE for West U Residents

6900 Hahl Rd.

Must have appt. during COVID. See reverse side for more information



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Household Hazardous Waste

What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

HHW can be found in many locations throughout your home:

In the Garage: *paint, motor oil, fertilizer, antifreeze, pesticides, and pool chemicals.*

In the House: *cleaning chemicals, pet supplies (flea/tick sprays, collars or shampoos), insect sprays and baits, and mercury thermometers.*

In the Bathroom: *tub and tile cleaners, hydrogen peroxide, isopropyl alcohol, nail polish and 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)

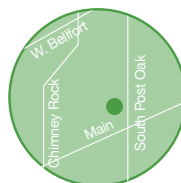
Why can't HHW be thrown away or flushed down the drain?

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 three 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.



Environmental Service Center (ESC – South)

City of Houston

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



Tuesday and Wed 9 AM – 3 PM
2nd Sat of Month 9 AM – 1 PM
11500 South Post Oak Rd.
Houston, TX 77035
(713) 551-7355

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.



Household Hazardous Waste

Harris County Facility | **FREE for WEST U**

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



Tu, W, Th 9 AM – 3 PM
2nd and 4th Sat of Month 9 AM – 2 PM
6900 Hahl Road, Houston, TX 77040
www.HCHHW.org

West U Collects App

(for Android and Apple devices)



Is it recyclable? And where can it be recycled? Now there's an app for that!

Find out where to recycle everything from aerosol cans to yard waste. The app can also remind you of your curbside collection schedule, inform you of changes in your schedule and alert you to special collection events.