Disposal of Household Hazardous Materials

FACT SHEET

What’s the problem?

Even small amounts of motor oil, antifreeze, paint, and other household hazardous waste can pollute streams and rivers, if not properly disposed of. According to Greenfield’s DPW, first consider using up the product according to package directions, or giving it away to someone who will. Read the product label to determine if the product is considered hazardous, thus requiring special handling. Look for warnings and words like caustic, toxic, corrosive, danger and “keep out of reach of children.” For unwanted products requiring special disposal, visit the following links:

In Greenfield:

Greenfield DPW’s Transfer Station
http://greenfield-ma.gov/p/280/Recycling--Solid-Waste--Transfer-Station
413-772-1528 or janineg@greenfield-ma.gov

In other Franklin County towns:

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMG)
http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazardouswaste.html
(413) 772-2438 or amy@franklincountywastedistrict.org

Tips from FCSWMG’s Website on Safely Transporting your Household Hazardous Waste

• Keep product in its original container. If in a different container, label it. Make sure lids are secure.
• Place containers in a plastic bin or box with a lid, and keep them from tipping or leaking.
• Keep waste out of the passenger compartment of your vehicle and away from children and pets. If transporting waste in a truck, secure the load with ties to prevent the load from shifting.
• Do not mix different types of waste in the same containers.

For more info:
www.frcog.org
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