TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

Don’t know where to take it or what to do with it? Use this San Mateo County Guide to Household Hazardous Waste Recycling and Disposal.

AUTOMOTIVE
A–antifreeze
G–used motor oil
T–tires (fee)
B–car batteries
F–oil filters

HOUSEHOLD
H–household batteries
L–fluorescent lamps
P–latex paint
C–computers, TVs (fee)

CURBSIDE SERVICE
To see if your waste hauler provides curbside pick-up for single-family homes, check the chart on the left.

RETAIL TAKE BACK
More and more stores that sell fluorescent lighting and household batteries will take them back, free of charge. The chart shows a few; but to keep up with the growing list, visit www.recycleworks.org.

ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL
Options for keeping your old computer, TV, and other electronics out of the landfill now include:

• Take-back programs from some manufacturers
• Take-back programs from some retailers
• Donation to Goodwill – recyclers’ job training program
• Collection events in your area

For more information, visit www.recycleworks.org.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL FOR SMALL BUSINESSES
Small businesses that generate less than 100 kilograms (27 gallons or 220 pounds) of waste per month may be eligible to participate in the Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program. Visit www.smhealth.org/vsqg for details.

PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL
Emptying the medicine cabinet? Don’t flush medications! Keep medications out of our waterways. The fish thank you. Find confidential drop-off containers, like the one below, at Police Departments in:

• Atherton – 83 Ashfield Rd.
• Belmont – One Twin Pines Ln.
• Burlingame – 1111 Trousdale Dr.
• Daly City – 333 90th St.
• Hillsborough – 1600 Floribunda Ave.
• Millbrae – 518 Magnolia Ave.
• Pacifica – 2075 Coast Highway
• San Bruno – 317 Huntington Ave.
• San Mateo – 200 S. Delaware St.
• So. San Francisco – 3 Arroyo Dr., Suite C
• San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office – 400 County Center 3rd Fl.

San Mateo County has compiled this list as a reference. If you have any questions about proper disposal of other household chemicals, please call 650-363-4305.

To dispose of other household waste at a collection event call 363-4718 or visit smhealth.org/hhw to make an appointment.

Oil and Waste are accepted free of charge. A fee may apply for antifreeze, tires and batteries. Do not measure oil with any other automotive products. Do not leave any oil or waste unattended at the disposal sites. No broken batteries accepted.