# Household Hazardous Waste Recycling

This playbook describes the essential steps for safely handling and recycling hazardous household waste. It details the precautionary measures and proper disposal methods to minimize environmental impact and personal risk.

### Step 1: Identification

Identify and segregate hazardous waste from regular trash. Look for labels with words like 'toxic', 'corrosive', 'flammable', or 'harmful'.

### Step 2: Collection

Gather all hazardous materials and store them in a secure place, away from children and pets. Use original containers if possible, or clearly label new containers.

### Step 3: Research

Find your local hazardous waste disposal facility by checking with your municipality or searching online for the nearest drop-off location.

### Step 4: Packaging

Package waste securely to prevent leaks and mix-ups. Use sturdy boxes and sealable bags, and keep incompatible materials, like chemicals that could react if mixed, separate.

### Step 5: Transportation

Transport hazardous waste to the disposal facility safely. Ensure that containers are not tipping over and materials aren't mixed during transit.

### Step 6: Proper Disposal

Follow the facility’s guidelines for the disposal of hazardous materials. They may have specific instructions for different types of waste.

### Step 7: Documentation

Keep records of what you disposed of, including types of waste and the quantity. Some jurisdictions require this information to be tracked.

### Step 8: Sanitize

After disposal, clean any containers you intend to keep and wash your hands thoroughly. Any clothes you wore during disposal should be washed separately.

## General Notes

### Safety Gear

Wear appropriate safety gear such as gloves and masks when handling hazardous waste to reduce exposure to harmful substances.

### Recycling Schedule

Check if your local facility has specific days for household hazardous waste collection to plan your disposal trip accordingly.

### Illegal Dumping

Never dispose of hazardous waste in regular trash bins, down household drains, or by burying it. Doing so is often illegal and can cause severe environmental harm.