

Household Hazardous Waste
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What Is the Household Hazardous Waste Program?

Most household paint and chemicals are safe when used and stored properly. When disposed of improperly, household wastes can become environmental hazards. Monroe County provides residents with a way to safely recycle or dispose of this household hazardous waste (HHW) **free-of-charge**. See below for [product lists and quantity limits](#).

Who Can Participate and How?

The free portion of this program is open ONLY to Monroe County residents with non-industrial household chemicals. To ensure safety and better serve customers, items are accepted **by appointment only**. Call 585 753-7600 (Option 3), 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday–Friday for an appointment. Be ready to describe your items and the quantity of each. After an appointment is made, you will be mailed directions to the HHW facility and instructions for the safe packaging and transportation of your items. Under a separate **fee-based** program, businesses, out-of-county residents and Monroe County households that have somehow acquired **industrial-use** products may also call the above number for disposal information.

What Can You Bring?

Monroe County residents can bring up to 30 gallons of liquid and 75 pounds of solid HHW per appointment without charge. **No 55-gallon drums will be accepted.**

Acceptable

- Oil-based and Latex Paint (for 1/3-gallon or less of **latex** paint: discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Wood Stain and Preservatives
- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids)
- Pesticides and Fertilizers
- Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents, glues, etc.)
- Household Cleaners (soaps, waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
- Driveway Sealer
- Propane Tanks (1 and 20-pound only)
- Pool and Photo Chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) and Button Batteries
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs and tubes)
- Syringes/Sharps (safely packaged)
- Cooking Oil/Cooking Grease

Not Acceptable

- **1/3-Gallon or Less of Latex Paint (see instructions above)**
- Cans with **Dried Paint**—remove lid and place in trash)
- **Used** Motor Oil and Lead Acid Batteries (contact service station or retailer)
- Freon-containing items like dehumidifiers, air conditioners, etc. (contact your garbage hauler for pick-up -- there will be an additional charge for this service)
- Empty Containers (place in trash or recycle)
- Smoke Detectors (trash or contact manufacturer)
- Everyday Alkaline Batteries (place in trash)
- Glazing/Spackle and Joint Compounds (trash)
- Asbestos (see Yellow Pages under “Asbestos Abatement”)
- **Products intended for industrial use**
- Explosives/Ammunition/Black/Smokeless Powder (Call 9-1-1)
- Shock Sensitive Materials (i.e. crystallized ethers, picric acid) (Call 9-1-1)

Location and Directions

Monroe County Household Hazardous Waste Facility
444 East Henrietta Road
Rochester, New York 14620
Phone: 585 753-7600 (option #3)

Landmarks:

- Monroe Community Hospital (MCH)
- Monroe Community College (MCC)
- IOLA campus (Facility site)

From the South:

Take 390 North to East Henrietta Road exit 16B (MCC exit), Right off exit (E. Henrietta Rd) about 1,000 yards, first right into Rochester Operations Center (ROC) complex, right at stop sign, follow signs to drop-off area.

From the North:

Take 390 South to East Henrietta Road exit 16 (MCC exit), Left off exit about 1,000 yards, first right into Rochester Operations Center (ROC) complex, right at stop sign, follow signs to drop-off area.

Packaging and Proper Handling of HHW

DO...

- Use extreme caution (and gloves) when handling HHW. Keep products in their original container. If not in the original container, clearly hand-label the contents on the container. **Do not mix products together.**
- Place incompatible HHW product categories (pesticides, pool chemicals, photo chemicals, acids/bases, etc.) in their own **separate** cardboard boxes. If the HHW containers are in poor condition, line the box with an open plastic bag—**do not seal or tie the bag closed**. Place crumpled newspaper between breakable containers.
- Pack smaller products (quart or smaller paints/stains, aerosols, car products, etc.) in cardboard boxes.
- Load the HHW as far away from passengers as possible and open a window sufficiently for ventilation. Protect your trunk or floor from spills.
- Drive directly to the collection facility. **For your safety, you must remain in your vehicle at all times while at the facility.** Trained staff will remove the HHW.

DO NOT...

- **Pack HHW in plastic bags only or in any container you would like returned** (except for authorized gasoline/kerosene cans).
- **Bring children or pets** to the collection facility.
- **Bring any material listed as not acceptable** (it will be left with you).
- **Bring over the 30-gallon per appointment limit** (anything over will be left in your vehicle or a fee may be charged).
- Smoke at the facility or while packaging or transporting HHW.