

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION PROGRAM**  
**Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority**  
**2009 INFORMATION SHEET**

**Contact: Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority at (906) 249-4108.  
Call Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Collections are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the following sites:**

***The West End Transfer Station and the Marquette Service Center.***

U.S. 41 West of Ishpeming

850 W. Baraga Ave.

**COLLECTIONS RUN ON VARIED SATURDAYS FROM MAY - OCTOBER ONLY.**

**Visit our website at [mcswma.com](http://mcswma.com) for scheduled days**

Hazardous substances are substances that when used, stored, handled or disposed of improperly, pose a risk to people or to the environment. These materials may be toxic, corrosive, reactive or flammable. Many household products fit this category.

**How To Identify HHW:** Read the label. Look for the signal words, "Danger- Poison, Danger, Warning, Caution, Flammable or Caustic, Preservative".

**Examples of HHW To Be Accepted:**

PESTICIDES	WEED KILLERS
SOLVENTS	FLAMMABLES
WOOD PRESERVATIVES	PHOTOGRAPHIC CHEMICALS
MOTOR OIL/OIL FILTERS	TRANSMISSION FLUID
ANTIFREEZE	MOTH REPELLENTS
METALLIC MERCURY & LEAD	POOL CHEMICALS
CLEANERS/POLISHES	NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
CAR BATTERIES	ARTISTS PAINT
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	CREOSOTE
PROPANE TANKS (small)	FLUORESCENT BULBS (up to 4 ft)
OIL BASE PAINT, STAINS, VARNISHES	
LEAD OR MERCURY-CONTAINING PAINTS	
ASBESTOS-CONTAINING PAINTS	
EPOXY CATALYSTS OR HARDENERS	
RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES (Nicad, Lithium, Ion)	
NON-REGULATED HOME MEDICAL WASTE	

**Materials That Will NOT Be Accepted:**

**Unidentifiable Materials**

**Solid Asbestos**

**Non-Household Waste**

**Latex Paints**

**Explosives**

**Non-Hazardous Waste**

**Standard and alkaline household batteries**

**Unlabeled Material**

**Radioactive Materials-(such as Smoke Detectors)**

**Call 249-4108 and ask first if you are not sure of the acceptability of the material!**

Take your HHW to a HHW collection site by placing the materials in a box. If any container is in poor condition or is leaking, place it in a sealed clear plastic bag before taking it in. Do not mix chemicals or transfer chemicals into other containers. **All containers must be labeled.**

### **Fluorescent Bulbs:**

**Fluorescent tubes and Compact bulbs** will be accepted. **Tubes exceeding 4 ft. long will not be accepted.** Bulbs should be properly wrapped to avoid breakage during transport to the collection site.

**Non-Regulated Home Medical Waste:** Includes insulin syringes, IV needles, lancets, etc. Seal in leak-proof and puncture-resistant containers, such as plastic milk containers, bleach, detergent, and 2-liter soda bottles (PETE plastic). Label as to the type of waste and volume disposed. **Waste will be placed directly into the sharps barrel by the citizen.**

**NO LATEX PAINTS:** Saturday collections **will not** take latex paint. For **useable latex paint** use it up or **give it to Marquette Wallpaper & Paint** (228-8376) if it's in the original can, **less than 3 years old** and is in good condition (no rusty, frozen or hardened paint, please).

**Batteries:** Take your car battery back to the place where it was purchased. If that is not possible, place the car battery in a plastic-lined cardboard box and take it to the HHW collection site. **We no longer collect standard and alkaline household batteries.** Rechargeable and button batteries are accepted and should be counted and placed by type in a zip-locked plastic bag.

**Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Transmission or Brake Fluid:** Put each into its own clean, dry plastic jug (milk jug with screw top is good), seal it well, and label it! Containers with oil will be emptied and given back to you. **Place oil filters in a sealed plastic bag.** Please do not mix products!

**Gasoline:** **Because of the dangers involved in pouring gasoline, containers holding contaminated gasoline will be placed, as is, into the collection drum and will not be returned.**

**Explosives, Picric Acid, Dried Ethers:** Call the State Police at 475-9922.

**Radioactive Materials:** Ship **smoke alarms** containing radioactive materials back to the manufacturer (use UPS, not the U.S. mail service).

**Asbestos:** Airborne asbestos is a health hazard! Do not attempt to remove it without contacting the DEQ Air Quality Division at (906) 346-8300, the State Health Department - Environmental Health Division at (517) 335-8762 or an asbestos abatement contractor (see yellow pages of the phone book).

**Any Business Wastes:** Business waste is not collected on Saturdays. Contact MCSWMA for disposal options. Pesticides, Herbicides, and Elemental Mercury will be disposed of free of charge by appointment only.