

# Preparing your household hazardous waste for pickup

## Quantity limits

- Maximum **50 litres or 50 kilograms per household per pickup**
- Limits are based on **container size (not contents)**
- Materials exceeding limits will not be collected; a second appointment is required

## Container size and type

- Individual containers must be **10 litres/kilograms or less**
- **20L paint cans are not accepted**
- **One 20 lb propane tank** is allowed per household
- Containers must be **plastic or metal only (no glass)**

## Accepted materials

You can set out common household hazardous waste such as:

- Paints, stains, and solvents
- Household cleaners and chemicals
- Automotive fluids (e.g., motor oil, antifreeze)
- Pesticides and herbicides (domestic use)
- Batteries (single-use and rechargeable)
- Small propane cylinders
- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes
- Cooking oil
- Fire extinguishers
- Medications and sharps
- Aerosol containers

## Not accepted

- Commercial or industrial waste
- Explosives, ammunition, or fireworks
- Asbestos or PCB-containing materials

- Laboratory chemicals, radioactive or biomedical waste

## How to prepare your materials

- Provide a list of items when booking your appointment
- **Sort materials by type** (do not mix)
- Ensure liquids are in original containers, **sealed, and non-leaking**
- Place items in an **open, sturdy box** (no bags or sealed boxes)
- Package light bulbs carefully to prevent breakage
- Use approved containers for sharps (containers will not be returned)
- Use approved containers for gasoline (containers will not be returned)
- Remove personal information from medication packaging
- Used cooking oil (residential only) must be in sealed, labeled containers stating "used cooking oil"

## Other information

Residents must:

- Follow all preparation and placement instructions;
- Place materials in a safe, accessible location on private property, such as on the porch or up against a garage, by 7 am on the scheduled pick-up date. Items are not to be placed at the curb, on the sidewalk, boulevard, street, in the backyard, or on a laneway; and
- Ensure items are free of snow and keep walkways and driveways free of ice and snow;
- Ensure all animals are contained; and
- Avoid leaving materials unattended for extended periods.

**Materials that do not meet safety or preparation requirements may not be collected. Staff will not enter private dwellings and may refuse collection if conditions are unsafe.**