



Safe Handling and Transportation of Hazardous Materials for Residents

Before Transporting:

- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS! Toxic fumes or a severe reaction can result.
- Wear gloves and eye protection when handling hazardous materials.
- Bring items in containers with clearly marked contents.
- AVOID SPILLS! Place waste containers upright, preferably in a box or tote.
- Tighten all covers and lids.
- Carefully inspect all containers for damage or leaks. If a container is leaking, pack it separately in a leak-proof pail or tub lined with absorbent material.
- Do not transport waste containers in vehicle passenger areas. Place containers securely in the trunk or back of a truck or van.
- Keep items separate from other items such as trash or recyclable materials.
- Wash your hands after handling these materials.

During Transport:

- Ensure the vehicle is well ventilated. Keep combustibles out of direct sunlight and away from heat sources.
- Never eat, drink or smoke while handling or transporting household hazardous materials.

At the Household Hazardous Materials Facility:

- Pull under the canopy and remain in your vehicle with the engine shut off.
- Inform HHM facility staff of any unidentified/unknown materials.

Information and special handling procedures for waste can be found here:

- [ballasts and bulbs](#)
- [batteries](#)
- [gasoline and motor oil](#)
- [medical sharps](#)
- [medications](#)

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