

Household Hazardous Wastes: What's the Danger?

Things to watch for:

- 1) Old batteries
- 2) Old Lightbulbs
- 3) Old Paint
- 4) Cleaning Supplies
- 5) Old Medications

Harm to the Environment -

Chemicals and unwanted medicines can contaminate lakes and rivers, or public drinking water supplies if simply flushed down the toilet or poured down the drain.

Fire Hazards - Some products such as gasoline, thinners, lighter fluid or glues and adhesives can catch fire.

Toxicity to Humans - Many chemicals including lawn and garden or cleaning chemicals, can be toxic if inhaled or ingested

Explosion Hazards - Pool chemicals and bleaches can react violently with other materials to explode or produce toxic gases.