

STORMWATER COALITION



You have permission to reprint this information in any form with the following appropriate attribution:

Information provided by the Stormwater Coalition, a committee of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)

The Stormwater Coalition is a committee of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (419.241.9155). The coalition is composed of the following members:

Lucas County
(419.213.4500)

Wood County
(419.354.9000)

City of Bowling Green
(419.354.6227)

City of Northwood
(419.693.9327)

City of Oregon
(419.698.7047)

City of Rossford
(419.666.0210)

City of Sylvania
(419.885.8959)

City of Toledo
(419.245.1050)

Village of Haskins
(419.823.1911)

Village of Holland
(419.865.7104)

Village of Millbury
(419.836.9671)

Village of Ottawa Hills
(419.536.1111)

Village of Walbridge
(419.666.1830)

Village of Waterville
(419.878.8100)

Jerusalem Township
(419.836.8921)

Lake Township
(419.838.6536)

Middleton Township
(419.823.1480)

Monclova Township
(419.865.7862)

Perrysburg Township
(419.872.8861)

Spencer Township
(419.865.2883)

Springfield Township
(419.865.0239)

Sylvania Township
(419.882.0031)

Washington Township
(419.726.6621)

Waterville Township
(419.878.5176)

Association of General Contractors of Northwest Ohio
(419.241.3601)

Home Builders Association
(419.473.2507)

Ohio Department of Transportation
(419.373.4433)

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) describes the many chemicals and products that must be separated from regular household waste and disposed of in a special type of landfill. Much like solid waste, many HHW materials can be reduced or recycled instead of ending up in landfills. When not disposed of properly hazardous waste can find its way into stormwater. Vehicle fluids, including oil and antifreeze, can end up in storm drains when maintenance activities are performed outdoors. Even solid products can contain hazardous liquids, such as mercury. While it seems that the trash is a safe place for unused materials, leaks in packaging or open trash containers can cause fluids to wash into storm drains.

Tips to Reduce HHW

- Only purchase as much as you need.
- Choose alternative products that are safer for the environment. Vinegar is an example of a safe household cleaning product.
- Store materials safely to prevent accidents and spills.
- Share unused products with friends, family, or neighbors who may need extra paint, motor oil, or cleaning products.

Disposal and Recycling Options

- Never dispose of materials in the storm drain or sanitary system (toilets, sinks, indoor or outdoor drains).
- Ensure that products are labeled and have not been mixed with other materials. Once products have been mixed, it is less likely that they can be recycled.
- Dry latex paints (can be mixed with kitty litter) and throw into the regular trash containers.
- Every HHW collection center has its own collection requirements. The following links are a good resource for specific disposal information:
 - **Lucas County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off (419.213.2230)** - <http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/index.aspx?nid=451>
 - **Wood County Solid Waste Management District (419.354.9297)** - <http://wswmd.org/>
 - **Ohio EPA (614.644.3020)** - <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/Recycle.aspx>
- For a complete list of hazardous materials, refer to:
<http://www.lhwmp.org/home/HHW/list.aspx>

Potential HHW Stormwater Pollutants	
Oil-based Paints 	Batteries (acids) 
Cleaners 	Fluorescent Bulbs (mercury) 
Vehicle fluids 	Pesticides 

