

What is Hazardous Waste?

Hazardous waste has the potential to seriously harm human health and the environment. It is the by-product of:

Industrial manufacturing process eg:

Waste acids, solvents, oils and PCB's

Commercial activities eg:

Dry cleaning wastes, paint.

Agriculture eg:

Some pesticides and fertilizers

Common Household products eg:

Batteries, drain cleaners, oil paint and syringes, electronics.

Waste disposal:

Breakdown of garbage in landfills creates a toxic liquid leachate.

HAZARDOUS WASTE and your HEALTH

In the short term, contaminants found in common hazardous household and industrial materials can cause eye and skin irritation, vomiting, dizziness and headaches. Long term health problems due to these contaminants can negatively effect the central nervous system, damage liver, kidneys and

the brain, or cause various cancers, among other health effects. These toxic substances will eventually leach into our lake and may cause these health issues for the future of our grandchildren and great grandchildren. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that all hazardous waste is put in its proper place. Please use the hazardous waste area's located at dump #2. If you are still uncertain, ask the attendant at the entrance of the dump. Please shop at stores that offer alternatives that are less hazardous to our environment 😊



Thank you for your cooperation. For further information or help, please call Ellie Big Canoe @ 705-437-1337 ext 2246

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