



RAGS Information Sheet: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



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What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household Hazardous Waste can be defined as:

“Any material discarded by a household which is difficult to dispose of or which puts human health or the environment at risk because of its chemical or biological nature.”

There are many everyday products that we use that are classed as hazardous waste and need special consideration when we dispose of them. Many such items include valuable resources, such as metals and glass, which can be recycled by specialist processes:

- Aerosols
- Old Paint Tins
- Batteries
- Garden Chemicals (weed killers)
- TV's
- Computers
- Household Cleaners, detergents
- Fluorescent tubes
- Gas cylinders
- Car Cleaners, oil

A report on Household Hazardous Waste can be downloaded from www.rags.org.uk

Households

- Try using environmental friendly products and minimize the amount of Household Hazardous Waste you produce. Make sure you dispose of all such waste responsibly.
- Local authorities often have recycling facilities at Civic Amenity sites for Household Hazardous Waste.
- Contact your local authority directly (see RAGS “Domestic Recycling” information sheet) or check the Waste Aware Scotland website at www.wascot.org.uk for information on facilities at your local Civic Amenity Site.

Other useful websites

- www.nhhwf.org.uk National Household Hazardous Waste Forum
- www.wasteonline.org.uk In depth online recycling information

RAGS Members involved in commercial paper recycling

Intelligent Waste Solutions
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