



# The Recycling Zone

The following are examples of common household items that require special disposal.

## Automotive:

Auto batteries  
Antifreeze  
Oils/Filters  
Tires (for a fee)

## Lawn and Garden:

Fertilizers and pesticides  
Lighter fluid  
Pool chemicals

## Household Items:

Aerosol cans  
Batteries (non-alkaline)  
Cleaners  
Cooking oil/grease  
Fluorescent bulbs  
Furniture polish  
Needles, syringes, lancets  
Nail polish  
Propane/compressed gas cylinders

## Home Improvement:

Driveway sealer  
Paint  
Paint remover/stripper/thinner  
Solvents



## Household Hazardous Waste—What is it and how do I dispose of it?

Unwanted chemicals are considered household hazardous waste (HHW) when their disposal poses an environmental or health threat. People who dispose of HHW in the trash, down the drain, or on the ground, can contaminate our water and soils, or harm trash collectors. If you can't use up hazardous household chemicals or give the items to someone who will, then take these items to The Recycling Zone, Dakota County's recycling facility in Eagan. Residents can bring items for free, unless otherwise noted below.

Did you know that The Recycling Zone also has a FREE reuse shelf? Household hazardous waste materials that are brought to the facility that are still usable are put on the reuse shelf for people to take for free.

### To reduce HHW in your home, try these simple steps:

1. Read product labels to judge the hazard level and choose products that contain less harmful ingredients. Look for signal words – poison, danger, warning, and caution. (Poison is the most hazardous; Caution is the least hazardous.)
2. Reduce the number of hazardous cleaning products in your home. Use one general-purpose cleaner for multiple jobs or non-toxic cleaners such as baking soda, lemon juice or vinegar.
3. Reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides in your yard.

Find more information about HHW at [www.RethinkRecycling.com/hhw](http://www.RethinkRecycling.com/hhw).



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### Drop-off Hours:

Wednesday:

### Recycling Area

9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

### Household Chemicals Area

3 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Thursday:

Noon – 8 p.m.

Noon – 5 p.m.

Friday:

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Saturday:

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## Services Offered at the Recycling Zone

### Recycling

Bring in items like glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, paper, cans, cardboard, plastic bags, scrap metal and home sharps (needles, syringes, lancets) to be recycled.

### Household Chemicals Area

Items like paint, cleaners, chemicals, batteries, oil, gasoline, fluorescent bulbs, etc. are accepted from households ONLY. Driver's license required.

Businesses with hazardous waste should contact Dakota County at 952-891-7020 for more information.

### Aluminum Can Redemption

Bring in your aluminum cans and The Recycling Zone will pay you for them. Call for redemption prices.

### Product Reuse Area

FREE! Usable household chemicals and paint.

### Compost Bin Sales

Backyard compost bins are available for a fee. They fit in any car.

### Lead Sinker Exchange

Exchange your lead tackle for a free sample of a non-lead alternative.

### Electronics Collection

Items such as computers, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, etc. are accepted from households ONLY.

Business electronics are collected separately.

Contact The Recycling Zone for fees and information.

## Congratulations on Your Recycling Efforts!!



For one week in November, 2010, residents of Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan were encouraged to recycle old and unwanted shoes. In honor of America Recycles Day, Dakota Valley Recycling teamed up with Triangle Recycling to offer this unique service at a city facility in each respective city.

From November 15 through November 21, residents dropped off bag after bag, ending with a collection of over 6400 pounds of shoes—over three tons! All of the shoes collected by Triangle Recycling will either be sold for reuse or sent to be recycled using the materials like leather, nylon and rubber for new products. Triangle Recycling then donates a portion of its profits to United Cerebral Palsy.

Thank you to everyone that participated, making this year's shoe recycling collection a major success!