

Hazardous Material in the Home

Hazardous materials in the home can be very dangerous not only to kids, adults and pets living in the residence but also for the environment if materials are handled improperly. Common products within your home could make your home a potential site for a mini hazardous materials (hazmat) incident, particularly in an earthquake. Strong ground shaking could topple and break bottles and cans containing hazardous materials. Follow these helpful instructions when dealing with hazardous materials.

The Do Not's, when preparing to dispose Hazardous Materials

- Do not** throw it in the trash
- Do not** pour it into the kitchen sink
- Do not** flush it down the toilet
- Do not** pour it on the ground or down the gutter or storm drain. This will eventually end up in the ocean potentially harming wildlife.

When using household products keep in mind the acronym L-I-E-S

- L**imit the amount of material stored
- I**isolate the products inclosed cabinets and keep containers tightly covered
- E**liminate unused or unneeded supplies
- S**eperate incompatible materials

The following materials may be taken to a Hazardous Materials Roundup

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighter fluid | Stains/varnishes | Nail polish remover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antifreeze | Products w/acid or lye | Herbicides and pesticides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor oils | Pool chemicals | Hairspray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerosol cans | Solvents | Transmission fluid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint thinners | Latex or oil base paints | Expired medicines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries | Old fuel | Various cleaners |

Disposing Household Products

There are several ways you can dispose of hazardous household materials products. Option include, using the entire supply, recycling unused portions, donating materials to charity or non-profit organizations or simply go to a household collection event. Call 1-888-CLEAN LA, or <http://lacs.d.org>, for roundup location near you.

For further information contact Public Affairs Section at (323) 881-2411 or visit our web site www.fire.lacounty.gov.



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