

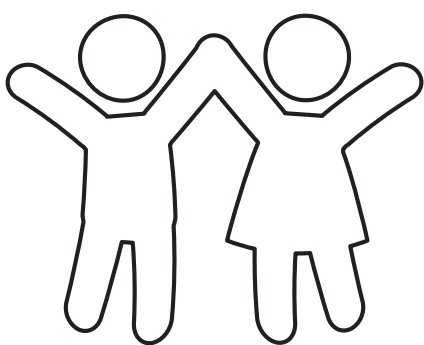


Household Hazardous Materials: What you need to know

01 READ THE LABEL



Cleaners, paints, and other household chemicals all have safety information on the label. Be sure to read and follow all safety precautions regarding protective equipment, ventilation, storage, and disposal.



02 KEEP KIDS SAFE

Be sure to store all hazardous chemicals in a safe location, away from the reach of children or pets. Use child-safe latches where needed.



03 DISPOSAL

Go through your cabinets and make a plan to dispose of all household hazardous waste safely. Check out [MDC Household Hazardous Waste](#) for information about local collection days. Always check with local authorities before disposing of hazardous waste in general trash collection.

04 RESEARCH BEFORE MIXING

Many household chemicals such as cleaners, paints, adhesives, and fertilizers react when mix with water or other substances. Always read the labels and do some research before mixing materials. For example, while bleach and ammonia are commonly found in bathroom cleaners, when mixed they produce deadly chlorine gas.



05 CONSIDER SWITCHING TO NON-TOXIC ALTERNATIVES

Many non-toxic and more environmentally friendly solutions are available. Consider switching to these products when practical to reduce the amount of hazardous materials in your home.



06 CHECK OUT THESE SITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIFIC HAZARDS

[EPA Household Hazardous Waste](#)
[Poison Control](#)
[National Safety Council](#)
[MDC Household Hazardous Waste](#)