City of Escondido residents may dispose of household hazardous waste, at no charge, at either of two nearby permanent household hazardous waste collection facilities – Vista and Poway.

Both facilities are open every Saturday, except certain holiday weekends, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. No appointment is required.

- Do not mix products.
- Leave items in original, labeled containers.
- Do not bring any individual container larger than 5 gallons.
- Do not transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds per trip.
- Keep lids on tight to prevent leakage.
- Transport containers in the trunk or in the back of the vehicle, away from passengers.
- Do not bring in empty containers.
- Empty containers may be placed in your trash or recycling bin.

Questions? Call Escondido Recycling Hotline at: (760) 839-4818

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?
Household hazardous waste is any material discarded from the home that may, due to its chemical nature, pose a health threat to people, animals, and the environment if handled or disposed of improperly.

Some signal words that indicate a product is hazardous include:

- Toxic
- Caution
- Danger
- Flammable
- Poison
- Corrosive
- Warning
- Reactive

Hazardous products include many types of the following items:

- Paint (oil and water based)
- Household cleaners
- Automotive products*
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Computer monitors & televisions (combined limit of 5 units)
- Other electronics
- Fluorescent lights
- Batteries (all types)
- Stains & varnish
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats, switches, etc.)
- Hobby chemicals
- Polishes

* If you only have used motor oil, oil filters, or auto batteries, bring these items to one of Escondido’s Certified Used Oil Recycling Centers, listed on the back of this page.