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### **Proper Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Options and Alternatives to Toxics**

Ever wonder what to do with all that left over paint you have? How about the dead batteries that came out of your hand-held remote control? Should you throw that old fluorescent light bulb from the garage into the trash? Paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs are all considered household hazardous waste (HHW) and should not be put in the trash. Cleaning products, stains, and solvents are also HHW. HHW contains elements that can be harmful and require special care. So what do you do with HHW?

- 1) Recycle – Some HHW can be recycled at its end of life. Visit [www.tehamacountylandfill.com](http://www.tehamacountylandfill.com) or call 528-1103 for information on recycling HHW such as, used motor oil, batteries, fluorescents, paint and more. In Red Bluff and in the unincorporated county, used motor oil for instance can be put in a one gallon screw-top container and placed next to your recycling bin on recycling week.
- 2) Safe Disposal – All unused HHW should be taken to either the Tehama County HHW Facility or the Corning HHW Facility during a collection event for proper disposal. The Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill HHW Facility is open from 8:00 am to 12:00 p.m. on the following upcoming dates: April 18, May 9, May 23, June 6, and June 27, 2013. The Corning HHW Facility is located at 3281 Highway 99W and is open on April 11, May 16, and June 13, 2015 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The best thing for your health is to not buy hazardous products in the first place. There are many great non-toxic alternatives to many products that are deemed HHW and many save money. If you must use these items, we encourage you to use them in their entirety. If there are remnants, please dispose of them responsibly. The Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency will offer free alternatives to household cleaning products at select Farmers' Markets in Tehama County this summer.

For more information please call 528-1103 or visit [www.tehamacountylandfill.com](http://www.tehamacountylandfill.com)