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## **Safe Disposal of Hazardous Wastes**

Doing some spring cleaning and have old pesticides or household cleaners you no longer want, but are not sure how to get rid of them? The Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency (Agency) has the answer. The Agency operates two permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities located at the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill (19995 Plymire Road, Red Bluff), and Corning Disposal (3281 Hwy 99W, Corning). Both facilities are open on select Saturdays each month from 8:00am-12:00pm for residents, and 12:00pm-2:30pm for businesses and governmental agencies that make an appointment in advance. Residents can drop off 15 gallons or 125 pounds of household hazardous waste (HHW) per trip free of charge; businesses and governmental agencies can drop off up to 27 gallons or 220 pounds of HHW per month for a fee.

Aside from collecting the most common HHW such as household cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, spray paints and other aerosols, batteries, fluorescent tubes and CFLs, the Agency also collects sharps, needles, and lancets at eight kiosks located throughout the county. Free sharps containers are available for residents to put their sharps into before depositing them in the kiosks. This free program is only available for residents; businesses that produce sharps must manage their own collection and disposal program.

While these recycling programs are entirely free for residents, the cost to our Agency to manage and for disposal is substantial. The costs to maintain these much needed programs, however, are nothing compared to the costs associated with clean up and remediation of land that has been contaminated by any of the wastes listed above, not to mention the threat to surface and groundwater if these wastes are improperly disposed of. By keeping HHW out of our landfill, through proper disposal, we are protecting the water that all of us depend on while preserving our natural environment for future generations.

Most of the products that come in to our HHW facilities can be replaced with non-toxic alternatives. Window and glass cleaners can be made from water and vinegar, while wood polishes can be made from olive oil and vinegar. By switching to these non-toxic alternatives, you can keep your home cleaner for less money and healthier for your family, as well as lessening the amount of HHW brought to our facilities.

If you would like more information about HHW and what days the facilities are open, or information on alternatives to toxic cleaners, please visit [www.tehamacountylandfill.com](http://www.tehamacountylandfill.com) or call (530)-528-1103.