

PALA ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) PROGRAM HHW AUDIT AND CHECKLIST

PED Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program

The Pala Environmental Department would like to understand better the types of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) in homes in our community. We are asking Pala community members to please take a few minutes to read this information and complete the checklist form in the HHW Audit & Checklist section towards the bottom of the page.

The checklist will provide the Pala Environmental Department with real-time data that will enable us to serve the Pala Community's needs.

About HHW

What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

HHW includes unused or leftover hazardous chemicals or materials from products such as cleaning solutions, paints, or solvents. HHW is usually labeled DANGER, WARNING, TOXIC, CAUTION, POISON, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, or REACTIVE.

Even though these products are labeled as toxic or hazardous, when used following the directions on the label, they are safe to use; however, they can still be harmful to the environment. But there are safer alternatives! How can you tell?

Information on Labels

Look for this information on the labels:

- Biodegradable
- Low toxicity
- Low VOC
- Hypoallergenic
- Chlorine-free
- No ammonia
- Solvents made from citrus or pine

Logos on Labels and Containers

Look for these logos:



Watch out for Greenwashing

A package that says environmentally friendly, eco-safe, organic, natural, or green doesn't mean it is. Signs of greenwashing include no proof, vague wording, and irrelevance.

What's the Big Deal?

One gallon of used motor oil can contaminate one million gallons of water. Help protect sanitation workers from exposure to dangerous chemicals. When incompatible chemicals mix, there is the potential for explosion and fire. Protects you and your family's health- many chemicals burn skin or airways.

Storage & Disposal of HHW

Properly Store HHW

How to properly store HHW:

- Follow any instructions provided on product labels
- Make sure the container is sealed so that it doesn't leak
- When possible, store items in their original container
- Make sure the container is labeled
- Do not throw HHW in the trash
- Never store HHW in food containers
- Never mix HHW with other products

Dispose of HHW in Pala

Steps to dispose of HHW in Pala:

1. Get a red bin from the Pala Transfer Station, 760-742-1781, <http://ped.palatribe.com/pala-transfer-station/>
2. Collect your property stored HHW in the red bin,
3. When full, put the red bin out with your regular curbside trash and recycling, and
4. Watch our quarterly HHW collection events if you have to dispose of a large amount.

Dispose of HHW Outside of Pala

If you live outside of Pala, reach out to your local waste management company to find out how to properly dispose of your HHW.

HHW Audit & Checklist

PED Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Checklist

To help the Pala Environmental Department get a better idea of the kinds of household hazardous waste (HHW) materials in our community, please fill out the attached HHW Checklist. Follow the checklist to see what kind of HHW is in your home. Please keep the information for future reference.

Complete your HHW Audit

How to complete your HHW Audit:

1. Search your house (under the sink, the laundry room, the garage, etc.) and check off the items you find on the HHW Checklist below,
2. Once completed, submit the completed form (see options below checklist) or use the online HHW Checklist form. >>>

Online HHW Checklist Form

Go to:

<http://ped.palatribe.com/planet-pala/household-hazardous-waste/>

OR scan the QR code with your phone's camera:



Use of Information

The Pala Environmental Department will use the information to tailor our outreach to the community's needs. You can use it to keep track of HHW in your home.

HHW Checklist

Household Cleanings Products

- ☐ Bleach
- ☐ Disinfectants
- ☐ Carpet Cleaner
- ☐ Ammonia Based Cleaners
- ☐ Drain Cleaner
- ☐ Floor Cleaner
- ☐ Furniture Polish
- ☐ Oven Cleaner

Automotive Products

- ☐ Car Batteries
- ☐ Used Motor Oil or Filters
- ☐ Antifreeze
- ☐ Transmission Fluids
- ☐ Car Wax or Cleaners
- ☐ Gasoline
- ☐ Metal Cleaners or Polishes
- ☐ Fuel Additives
- ☐ Break Fluids
- ☐ Carburetor or Fuel Injector Cleaner

Home Improvement Products

- ☐ Adhesives
- ☐ Caulk
- ☐ Strippers or Removers
- ☐ Pesticides or Herbicides (Roundup)
- ☐ Paints
- ☐ Rodent Poison
- ☐ Stains or Finishes
- ☐ Thinners of Turpentine
- ☐ Treated Wood

Other Common Types

- ☐ Propane Tanks or Cylinders
- ☐ Light Bulbs or Tubes
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Thermometers
- ☐ Aerosol Sprays
- ☐ Nail Polish or Removers

Notes: _____

Return your Checklist

To return your completed HHW Checklist, you have several options:

- **Online.** Complete our online HHW Checklist form. *(Instructions listed on previous page.)*
- **Email.** Scan or take a picture of the completed HHW Checklist and email it to us: **Alexis Wallick, awallick@palatribe.com, 760-891-3537**
- **Drop off.** Drop off the HHW Checklist at the PED office in the Pala Admin Building. *(We can photocopy it for you.)*



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