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Paint Reuse Center



Residents can pick up quantities of unused paints, varnishes and stains for reuse from the Region's Facility in Oshawa at "no charge".

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) include materials such as: paint, paint thinners, stains, varnishes, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, poisons, waxes, polishes, solvents, pool chemicals, photography chemicals, antifreeze, brake fluid, batteries, oil filters, fuels, propane cylinders, etc.

Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes

Household Hazardous Wastes require special attention during handling, storage, collection, transportation, treatment and disposal. Many products we use every day are hazardous. Household Hazardous Wastes should not be mixed in with your regular garbage and they should never be poured down the drain, emptied into your toilet, laundry tub or storm sewer.

Landfill sites and waste water treatment plants are not designed to accept such toxic chemicals.

Storm sewers flow directly into nearby water courses such as neighbourhood creeks, streams and lakes from which our drinking water is taken.

All residents are urged to do their part in keeping our neighbourhoods clean and safe by bringing Household Hazardous Wastes to a licensed drop-off depot. See page 16 for a location near you.