



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

NOW ACCEPTING

E-waste



Fluorescent Bulbs



For more information
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Monday * Wednesday * Friday
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Saturday
(2nd Saturday/Month)

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Bovoni Landfill

Monday * Wednesday * Friday
9:00AM - 3:00PM

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(4th Saturday/Month)

This project is being undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and regulations concerning the management of hazardous waste and universal waste.

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In January 2010, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority opened the doors to its first HHW facilities in the Territory.

- The facilities currently accepts e-waste and fluorescent bulbs ONLY
- The program will accept a wider variety of HHW in the very near future

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)?

- Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW." Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them.
- Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

BENEFITS OF PROPER HHW MANAGEMENT

- Reduction and recycling of HHW conserves resources and energy that would be expended in the production of more products.
- Reuse of hazardous household products can save money and reduce the need for generating hazardous substances.
- Proper disposal prevents pollution that could endanger human health and the environment.

HHW FACTS AND FIGURES

- Americans generate 1.6 million tons of HHW per year.
- The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of HHW in the basement and garage and in storage closets.
- During the 1980s, many communities started special collection days or permanent collection sites for handling HHW. In 1997, there were more than 3,000 HHW permanent programs and collection events throughout the United States.

REDUCTION AT HOME

Consider reducing your purchase of products that contain hazardous ingredients. Learn about the use of alternative methods or products-without hazardous ingredients-for some common household needs.

To avoid the potential risks associated with household hazardous wastes, it is important that people always monitor the use, storage, and disposal of products with potentially hazardous substances in their homes. Below are some tips for individuals to follow in their own homes:

- Use and store products containing hazardous substances carefully to prevent any accidents at home. Never store hazardous products in food containers; keep them in their original containers and never remove labels. Corroding containers, however, require special handling. Call your local hazardous materials official or fire department for instructions.
- When leftovers remain, never mix HHW with other products. Incompatible products might react, ignite, or explode, and contaminated HHW might become unrecyclable.
- Remember to follow any instructions for use and disposal provided on product labels.