

## Spring Cleaning, Moving?

### Dispose of hazardous household materials properly

#### Don't just throw it away

### Proper disposal of household hazardous waste keeps you and the environment safe

#### Tips for disposing of household hazardous waste:

- **Prep materials for delivery.** Make sure chemicals are still in their original packaging and put broken/leaking items in additional containers. Sort paint by type (latex, oil, lead). Transport chemicals in the trunk.
- **Bring proof of residency.** Show a recent water bill for identification. These centers are for residents, not businesses.
- **Practice safety upon arrival.** When you pull up to the facility, turn off your engine. A worker will unload the items. You don't need to get out of your vehicle.
- **Reduce and Reuse.** Before you visit a center, try passing on materials you don't need to others.
- **Skip the drain.** Do not pour a chemical down a sink or storm drain, from which it will enter the bayous. Sewage-treatment plants are set up to treat mostly organic, not chemical, waste.

Harris County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility 6900 Hahl Road, Houston TX 77040 Phone 281.560.6200

#### Hours Open to the Public:

Every Wednesday from 9AM-3PM & the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9AM-2PM. HHW collections are also conducted on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at this location or other locations around the County. Go to [http://www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw\\_home.html](http://www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw_home.html) for a schedule of locations.

**Acceptable items:** Items accepted at the HHW facility include, but are not limited to household cleaners, yard/pesticide products, automobile products (gas, oil, oil filters), pool chemicals, paint and paint related products, batteries, up to 4 tires per visit, items containing mercury (e.g. mercury thermometers, Compact Fluorescent Lights-CFLs), fluorescent tubes, aerosols, cooking oil, and small/BBQ size propane cylinders.

**Items we do not accept are:** The Facility does NOT accept the following items: electronics, traditional recyclables (paper, cans, plastic), any items used for business purposes, medical and biological waste, explosives (including ammunition and firecrackers), compressed gas cylinders, radioactive waste (including smoke detectors), household appliances such as washers, dryers, freezers, air conditioners, heavy trash or household trash. You can go to [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) to find a location where you can properly dispose of these items. Information on disposal of business waste may be found by calling the TCEQ at 1.800.447.2827 or the local office at 713.767.3726.

**Directions to the facility:** We are located at the northwest corner of N Gessner and 290. Driving west on 290, take the N Gessner/W Little York exit. Proceed through the light at Gessner and take your first right

