



# Protect Your Family and Our Water Resources from Household Chemicals

A little pollution here. A little pollution there. An old oil can tossed aside. Solvents rinsed down the drain. A dead car battery set outside the shed. Individually, it may not sound like much. But combined with all the other items improperly thrown away every day, these discarded chemicals and other hazardous waste add up to one of the biggest causes of water pollution in Florida.

With a little knowledge and a little planning, you can become part of the solution. Let's start by clarifying what are "hazardous household products."

Typically, these are chemicals found in products labeled combustible, corrosive, flammable, ignitable or toxic. They are usually common products that are used in the home daily. Oftentimes, people do not realize that these everyday staples may be hazardous to humans, fish, animal or plants if spilled or not disposed of properly.

Learning about these products and how to handle and dispose of them properly will help to ensure your health and, at the same time, protect Florida's limited water resources.

## Here's How to Work with Hazardous Household Products:

- Reduce your dependence on these potentially hazardous substances by using environmentally friendly substitutes.
- Always read and follow use and disposal instructions for all chemical products.
- Buy only what you need. Use what you buy. If you have leftovers, give them to someone who can use them.
- Dispose of unused hazardous household waste properly. It is illegal to dump toxic chemicals or waste into storm drains or anywhere else that may expose waste in the environment. To report illegal dumping, call the City of Wilton Manor's Code Enforcement Division at (954) 390-2157 or call Broward County's Environmental Response Hotline at (954) 519-1499.

## Here's How to Properly Dispose of Hazardous Household Products:

- The City has contracted with WMAYourDoor for a doorstep collection service for household hazardous waste. This safe and convenient service will allow you to properly recycle or dispose of home-generated hazardous waste. [Click here](#) for all of the details and to arrange a pick-up.

***For more information, please call Emergency Management/Utilities at (954) 390-2190.***