

What's the Difference Between Solid & Hazardous Waste?



Hazardous waste is a type of solid waste that requires careful disposal because it has the potential to be harmful to humans and our environment.

All hazardous waste is considered solid waste by law, but not all solid waste is hazardous.

REGULAR TRASH (SOLID WASTE)

This is a type of garbage you may safely dispose of every day. Paper, plastic bottles, empty cereal boxes, yard waste, broken glass, and food leftovers are a few examples.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF REGULAR TRASH

Simply place it in your garbage can. As a general rule, everything that isn't wet, leak-proof, or marked "DANGER" is most likely ordinary trash.

THE HAZARDOUS WASTE (DANGEROUS STUFF)

This is any chemical or reactive product that can ignite, explode, harm people or pets, or cause skin burns. It must be handled separately! Keywords can include: **POISON, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, DANGER.**

HOW TO DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

Do not throw it in the trash, recycling, or pour it down the sink or drain. Always bring it to a designated drop-off spot or collection event.

What's Hazardous? Paint, car oil, batteries, cleaners, pesticides, light bulbs, etc.