

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)

Many products that we use at home such as paints, cleaners, garden chemicals, automotive products and aerosol cans contain hazardous substances. When these products are no longer useful, they become household hazardous waste (HHW). The most commonly used household products can be hazardous to the environment, as well as people, pets and wildlife if they are disposed of improperly. What Can You Do? We need to do everything possible to protect and preserve the quality of our water. We can all make a difference by taking a few simple steps:

- *Read labels and purchase nonhazardous options whenever possible.*
- *Know what HHW is, and make sure to properly dispose of anything marked with the words "danger," "caution," "warning," or "toxic."*
- *Purchase only as much as you need, so that you do not need to dispose of excess materials.*
- *Always use and store the products according to the manufacturer's instructions*
- *Keep chemicals in the original container or properly label them.*
- *Never place toxic materials in your trash or dump them down sinks, storm drains, sanitary sewers, on-lot sewage, or on the ground; this is a dangerous and illegal practice.*

The Crow Wing County Landfill collects most types of household hazardous wastes. Collections are done on the 2nd Wednesday and 2nd Saturday of each month from May through September. For more information about HHW in general, call (218) 824-1290.

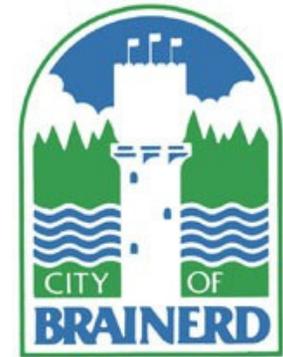


ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!

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Alternatives for an Eco-Friendly Environment

- Clean your windows with a vinegar and water mixture.
- Scour pots and pans with baking soda, salt, or borax.
- Clean the toilet bowl with flat cola, borax, or baking soda.
- Prevent clogged drains by using a baking soda and vinegar mixture.
- Use low- or no-phosphate detergents.

HAZARDOUS WASTE SOURCE REDUCTION AROUND THE HOME

Drain Cleaner

- Use a plunger or plumber's snake

Grass Cleaner

- Mix one tablespoon of vinegar or lemon juice in one quart of water. Spray on and use newspaper to dry.

Furniture Polish

- Mix one teaspoon of lemon juice in one pint of mineral or vegetable oil and wipe furniture.

Rug Deodorizer

- Liberally sprinkle carpets with baking soda. Wait at least 15 minutes and vacuum. Repeat if necessary.

Silver Polish

- Boil two to three inches of water in a shallow pan with one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of baking soda and a sheet on aluminum foil. Totally submerge silver and boil for two to three more minutes. Wipe away tarnish and repeat if necessary.

Mothballs

- Use cedar chips, lavender flowers, rosemary, mints or white peppercorns.

Examples of HHW

- Used oil
- Antifreeze
- Bathroom/Kitchen Cleaners
- Bleach
- Paints
- Herbicides
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Bug Sprays
- Batteries
- Furniture Polish

