



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND THE HOME CHEMICAL COLLECTION CENTER



Did You Know?

Never dump household hazardous waste into a storm drain. The storm drain empties directly into surface waters such as creeks and lakes without any treatment. Polluting our surface waters has harmful effects on wildlife, drinking water supplies and recreation.



Duck covered in oil as a result of the 2007 San Francisco Bay oil spill.

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Many common household products can pose a hazard to human health, groundwater and the environment if they are not handled properly for disposal. Placing items such as paint, automotive products, car batteries, pesticides and more in our trash is NOT an environmentally sound way to get rid of them. **Using them up completely is the preferred method!**



The Home Chemical Collection Center located at 11234 Plano Rd. in Dallas offers Carrollton residents and residents of other participating cities a convenient, effective and FREE means of disposing of those household waste products which require special handling, processing and disposal.

Doing the right thing couldn't be easier!

Just drive through and drop off your leftover household products. You don't even have to leave your car. Hazardous materials specialists will take your household waste and recycle or dispose of it properly. Bring your driver license and water bill as proof of residency.

How to Work with Hazardous Household Products

- Reduce dependence on 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 and use what you buy. Give leftovers to someone who can use them
- Dispose of unused hazardous household waste properly



Home Chemical & E-Waste Collection Day Event

1441 W. Trinity Mills Road
Carrollton TX

April 24, 2010
9am—3pm

Residents may bring:

- Pool and yard chemicals
- Craft/hobby supplies
- Batteries (all kinds)
- Automotive fluids, oil filters, gasoline
- Paint and other home repair products
- Household cleaners and polishes
- Fluorescent light tubes

Residents May NOT bring:

- Business waste
- Used tires
- Medical waste
- Smoke detectors
- Radioactive material
- Containers larger than 5 gallons
- Explosive or shock sensitive materials
- Trash or non-chemical recyclables (no paper, aluminum, plastic, glass)

For more information visit:

www.cityofcarrollton.com/index.aspx?page=1237






Please Pick Up After Your Pets

Most people are aware of our leash laws for dogs, which apply to cats as well, but are not familiar with their responsibility to remove pet waste. As our pet owning population walks with their pets, they are responsible for picking-up their pet's waste on sidewalks, common areas, greenbelts, private property, and our local recreation areas. Carrying a small paper or plastic bag on your walk provides a sanitary option for collecting pet waste prior to disposal. This waste must be disposed of in a waste container to prevent contaminating our natural water resources. Most city parks are equipped with many trash cans so you do not have to wait until you get home to dispose of your pet's gift.


Pollutants from improperly disposed pet waste may be washed into storm drains or surface waters by rain water. When pet waste is washed into creeks or ponds the waste decays, using up oxygen and sometimes releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and

ammonia combined with warm temperatures can kill fish. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth. Overly fertile water becomes cloudy and green—unattractive for swimming, boating and fishing. Pet waste also carries diseases which makes water unsafe for activities like swimming. Please help protect our water quality by picking up after your pet!

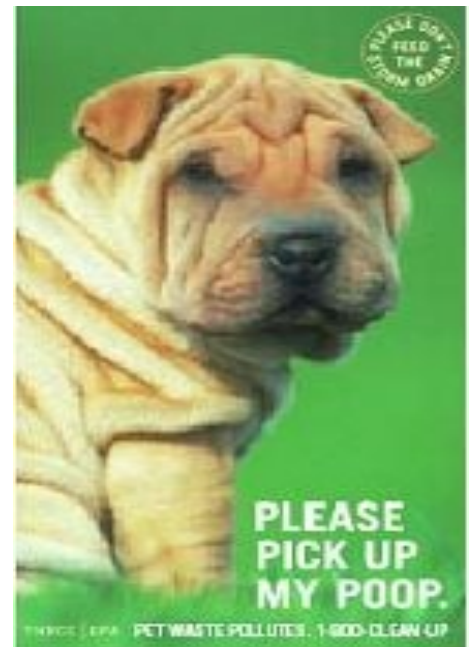
Tips for Dealing with Pet Waste:

-  Flush it. Pick up the waste with a pooper scooper or slip a plastic bag over your hand. Flush the waste down the toilet—NOT the plastic bag.
-  Toss it in a trash can. Collect the waste in a plastic bag, tie the end securely and toss it in your trash can.
-  Attach a small bag or pouch to your dog's leash so that you can always carry a supply of bags. Be creative in reusing materials for picking up pet waste. Save plastic bread bags, plastic newspaper sleeves,

or plastic produce bags and use them to scoop the pooh.

-  Clean up droppings around the yard at least once a week. Either flush them down the toilet or dispose of them in a secured bag and place in the trash can.

Courtesy of NCTCOG



CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS

Car wash fundraisers are a common way for non-profit groups to raise funds.

Runoff from car wash fundraisers, however, can cause serious water quality problems in creeks as the soapy water runs onto the streets and into storm drains. Remember that anything that enters a storm drain flows untreated to the nearest waterway.

The City of Carrollton is committed to the prevention of potential water pollution activities. Groups holding

car wash fundraisers are not permitted to use soap, solvents, degreasers or anything else that will cause water quality degradation if the wastewater ends up in our creeks and streams.

At commercial car wash facilities the water that is washed off vehicles flows through grit traps then to the sanitary sewer where it will be treated. Utilizing a commercial facility is not only good for your organization it is also good for the environment!

For a list of participating car wash facilities please visit the storm water

page of the city's website.

www.cityofcarrollton.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=2200

