

# Safe use of Household Hazardous Materials in Baton Rouge

## Where can I find them?

Many hazardous materials may be present in your own home. Aerosol cans, cleaners, bleach, used oils, paint, batteries, fluorescent tubes, TVs, tires and propane tanks are just a few common examples. When it comes time to dispose of these, it's important to remember that they shouldn't be thrown away or poured down the drain. The city of Baton Rouge hosts bi-annual hazardous waste collection days, and some of these wastes can even be handled for free year-round through local businesses. City collection days usually occur in March and October at Memorial Stadium.

## How can I make a difference in Baton Rouge?

We each have the power to change the environment around us. The next time you need to dispose of household hazardous waste, refer to <http://brgov.com/recycle/householdhazardous.htm> to find out when the next hazardous waste collection day is, or refer to the table on this flyer.

## How do I protect myself?

Multipurpose cleaners can be used to reduce the number of cleaners you buy. To reduce the number of hazardous products in your home, buy the least harmful products available, like those labeled "warning" or "caution." Choosing safer choices such as mixing hot water, ammonia, vinegar, and baking soda for an all purpose cleaner are less likely to cause injury if accidentally ingested; doesn't cause indoor air pollution in your home, and are better for the environment during and after use.

Source: City of Baton Rouge. Recycling Office.  
<http://brgov.com/recycle/householdhazardous.htm>

## Where can I learn more?

City of Baton Rouge. Recycling Office.  
<http://brgov.com/recycle/default.asp> or call them directly at 225.389.5194.

## What makes them hazardous?

Many government environmental agencies consider a substance hazardous if it can catch fire, if it can react or explode when mixed with other substances, if it is corrosive, or if it is toxic. These materials can be harmful to people and the environment when swallowed, absorbed, or inhaled.



### Baton Rouge local businesses can help you dispose of your hazardous waste:

Material	Business
Full cans of latex paint	Habitat for Humanity
Auto Batteries	Most auto/battery stores
Used Motor Oil	
Oil Filters	
Antifreeze	
Oil/Gas Mixtures	
TVs up to 32"	Best Buy
Fluorescent Tubes	Home Depot
NiCd Batteries	Radio Shack
Batteries of all kinds	LEI Lamp Recyclers
Propane Tanks	All permitted dealers, wholesalers, and retailers

Source: City of Baton Rouge. Where to Recycle Household Materials Year Round. <http://brgov.com/recycle/pdf/HHMDFlyer.pdf>