

Hazardous Materials in the Home

Hazardous materials in the home can be very dangerous not only to children, adults and pets living in the residence but also for the environment if materials are handled improperly. Common products within your home could make your home a potential site for a mini hazardous materials (hazmat) incident, particularly during an earthquake. Strong ground shaking could topple and break bottles and cans which contain hazardous materials. Follow these helpful instructions when dealing with hazardous materials:

The **Do Nots** when preparing to dispose of hazardous materials

- Do not throw it in the trash.
- Do not pour it in the kitchen sink.
- Do not flush it down the toilet.
- Do not pour it on the ground or down the gutter or storm drain. This will eventually end up in the ocean, potentially harming wildlife.

When using household products, keep in mind the acronym **L-I-E-S**

- L**imit the amount of material stored.
- I**solate the products in closed cabinets and keep containers tightly covered.
- E**liminate unused or unneeded supplies.
- S**eparate incompatible materials.

The following materials may be taken to a Hazardous Materials Roundup

Lighter Fluid	Stains/Varnishes	Nail Polish Remover
Antifreeze	Products w/ Acid or Lye	Herbicides and Pesticides
Motor Oils	Pool Chemicals	Hair Spray
Aerosol Cans	Solvents	Transmission Fluid
Paint Thinners	Latex or Oil Base Paints	Expired Medicines
Batteries	Old Fuel	Various Cleaners

Disposing of Household Cleaners

There are several ways that you can dispose of household hazardous material products. Options include using the entire supply, recycling unused portions, donating materials to charitable (nonprofit) organizations, or simply going to a household collection event. Call 1-888-CLEAN LA, or visit <http://lacs.org> for a roundup location near you.

For further information please contact LACoFD Public Information Office at 323-881-2411 or visit our web site at www.fire.lacounty.gov

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