



Flood Cleanup in New York City: Household Hazardous Waste

People can be exposed to dangerous chemicals when cleaning up flooded homes and disposing of damaged household items. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be periodically driving the streets of impacted areas and collecting household hazardous waste.

The primary focus of this effort is now in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. Residents of flood-impacted areas in these boroughs are encouraged to put household hazardous waste products on their curbs for pickup.

Please segregate household hazardous waste from other garbage and stack items in cardboard boxes or clear plastic tote bins for easy identification and separation.

To report a heating oil tank (or other large source of oil/chemicals) that has leaked a significant amount of oil or chemicals into your basement or yard, or to seek information on other Hurricane Sandy related subjects, call George Zachos, the EPA Regional Public Liaison, at 1-888-283-7626.

View maps where curbside pickup will occur in NYC:
<http://epa.gov/sandy/hazardouswastepickup.html>



ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Household Cleaners

Ammonia-based cleaners; oven and drain cleaners; floor care products; aerosol cleaners; window cleaners; furniture polish; metal polishes and cleaners; tub, tile, toilet bowl cleaners

Paint & Related Products

Latex-, water- and oil-based paint; turpentine paint stripper, rust remover, paint thinner, varnish

Automotive Fluids & Batteries

Used motor oil and filters; gasoline and diesel fuel; kerosene; auto body repair products; windshield washer solution; antifreeze; brake and transmission fluid; metal polish and solvent

Batteries: Lead-acid batteries, rechargeable batteries, NiCad, NiMH and mercury batteries and car batteries

Lawn & Garden Care Products

Bug spray, fertilizer, pesticides, fungicides, herbicides and products that kill rodents

Beauty Products & Medicines

Alcohol-based lotions; isopropyl alcohol; expired or damaged medicines; nail polish and remover; hair relaxers, dyes and permanents; products in aerosol cans

Miscellaneous

Fluorescent lights, mercury thermometers, photographic chemicals, lighter fluids, shoe polish, fiberglass epoxy, swimming pool chemicals, moth balls, glue and mercury batteries

Fuel & Oil Tanks

NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- ✗ Ammunition and guns
- ✗ Sharps
- ✗ Building or construction materials
- ✗ Infectious medical wastes
- ✗ Tires or other automotive parts

For more environmental information, contact:

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