



# Disposal Guide for Central Contra Costa County • April 2010

## How to Get Rid of Stuff You Don't Want or Need

Did you know that many products labeled as “flushable” should not be flushed down the toilet? Flushing anything other than human waste and toilet paper may clog your sewer or harm the environment.

Follow our handy guide to dispose of common household waste environmentally friendly ways.

**For items not listed, call 1-800-CLEANUP or visit [www.Earth911.org](http://www.Earth911.org) and [www.CCCRecycle.org](http://www.CCCRecycle.org).**

Item	Disposal Method	Notes
<b>Aluminum Cans</b>	Recycle	
<b>Automotive Fluids</b> (oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, etc.)	Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHWCF)	Some communities offer scheduled curbside pick-up.
<b>Batteries</b> (all kinds)	Bring to HHWCF or to store that accepts/recycles them	Consider rechargeable batteries
<b>Cat/Kitty Litter</b>	Put in trash (even the “flushable” kind)	If you bag it, use biodegradable bags
<b>Chemicals, Chemical Products</b> (not otherwise listed)	Bring to HHWCF	
<b>Cigarette Butts, Matches</b>	Put in trash	Be sure they are completely out and cold
<b>Cleansers, Detergents, Disinfectants, Household Cleaning Products</b>	Bring to HHWCF (even “biodegradable” products)	
<b>Dental Floss</b>	Put in trash	
<b>Disposable Cleaning Wipes, Diapers, “Flushables”</b>	Put in trash	
<b>Drugs, Medications, Pharmaceuticals</b>	Place into collection bins at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• police depts in Clayton (6000 Heritage Tr.), Concord (1350 Galindo St.), Danville (510 La Gonda Way), Martinez (525 Henrieta St.), Moraga (329 Rheem Blvd.), Orinda (22 Orinda Way), Pleasant Hill (330 Civic Dr.), San Ramon/Dougherty (17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd.);</li> <li>• Sheriff’s stations at: Sheriff’s Bldg. in Martinez (1980 Muir Rd.); Sheriff’s Substation at Contra Costa Reg. Med. Center (2500 Alhambra Ave., Martinez);</li> <li>• Walnut Creek City Hall, 1666 N. Main St., Walnut Creek.</li> </ul> Put in trash.	Never flush, pour down the drain, or put in recycle cart  Transfer drugs to sealable plastic bag before putting in collection bin.  If putting in trash, remove from containers; put in sealable plastic bag; add substance (liquid, used coffee grounds) to make drugs unusable.
<b>Egg Shells</b>	Put in trash; <i>(Lamorinda only: put in green waste cart)</i>	Can be used in compost
<b>Electronic Waste</b> (e-waste: computers, cell phones, TVs, etc.)	Take to: Contra Costa Transfer & Recovery Station. Find more options at 1-800-750-4096 and <a href="http://www.CCCRecycle.org">www.CCCRecycle.org</a>	Some communities offer biannual curbside collection of e-waste; check with your garbage collection service.
<b>Feminine Hygiene Products</b>	Put in trash	
<b>Food Waste</b>	Put small amounts in garbage disposal (except for bones, fats, oils, grease); or put in trash; <i>(Lamorinda only: put in green waste cart)</i>	Can be used in compost
<b>Light Bulbs--Fluorescent, including CFLs</b> (Compact Fluorescent Lights)	Bring to HHWCF	Check with local hardware stores for more convenient drop-off locations
<b>Light Bulbs—Incandescent, Halogen</b>	Put in trash	
<b>Mercury Thermometers, Thermostats and other Mercury-Containing Items</b>	Bring to HHWCF	Exchange mercury fever thermometers for digital ones at HHWCF—free

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<b>Needles, Syringes, "Sharps"</b>	Put in sharps disposal containers, take to: John Muir Rossmoor Pharmacy, 1220 Rossmoor Pkwy, Walnut Creek; San Ramon Reg. Med. Center, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon; use mail-back options listed at www.Stericycle.com (1-866-STERICALL), 1-877-974-1300, 1-800-772-5657.	Do not put in trash or recycle cart
<b>Newspaper, Paper Products, Cardboard</b>	Recycle	
<b>Oil, Grease, Fats</b> (from food products)	Put in sealable container (such as coffee can); let solidify or mix with absorbent material (such as cat litter); seal, put in trash	Bring large amounts (such as from turkey fryer) to HHWCF
<b>Paint, Stains</b> (latex, oil-based), <b>Thinners, Turpentine, Solvents, Varnish/Lacquer, Wood Preservatives, Epoxy</b>	Bring to HHWCF; empty, dried-out containers may be put in trash	Use up or give away excess to friends
<b>Personal Care Products</b> (hair color, cosmetics, etc.)	Bring to HHWCF or put in trash	
<b>Pesticides, Fertilizers, Weed Killers</b>	Bring to HHWCF	If using a reusable sprayer, pour rinse water on ground—not down drain; consider alternatives to toxic pesticides
<b>Pet Waste</b>	Put in trash (consider biodegradable bags)	Cat waste may contain parasites harmful to aquatic life and difficult for treatment processes to remove; do not flush
<b>Plastic Bags</b>	Take back to grocery store	Do <u>not</u> put in recycle cart. Consider reusable bags.
<b>Plastic Bottles</b>	Recycle	
<b>Styrofoam</b>	Put in trash	Call 1-800-866-9946 to recycle large quantities
<b>Yard Waste</b>	Put in green waste cart; or take to Acme Landfill or Contra Costa Transfer & Recovery Station	Can be used in compost

**Questions?**

- For **household hazardous waste**, call ..... **1-800-646-1431**
- For **solid waste disposal**:
  - **Allied Waste**, call ..... **(925) 603-1144**
  - **Concord Disposal**, call ..... **(925) 682-9113**
  - **Valley Waste**, call ..... **(925) 935-8900**
- For **recycling/composting**, call ..... **1-800-750-4096**

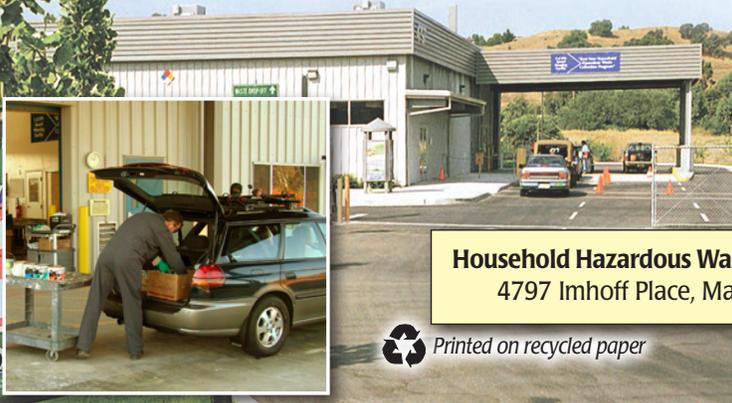


**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Hours and Location**

**Residents:** Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(Reuse Room closes at 3:30 p.m.)

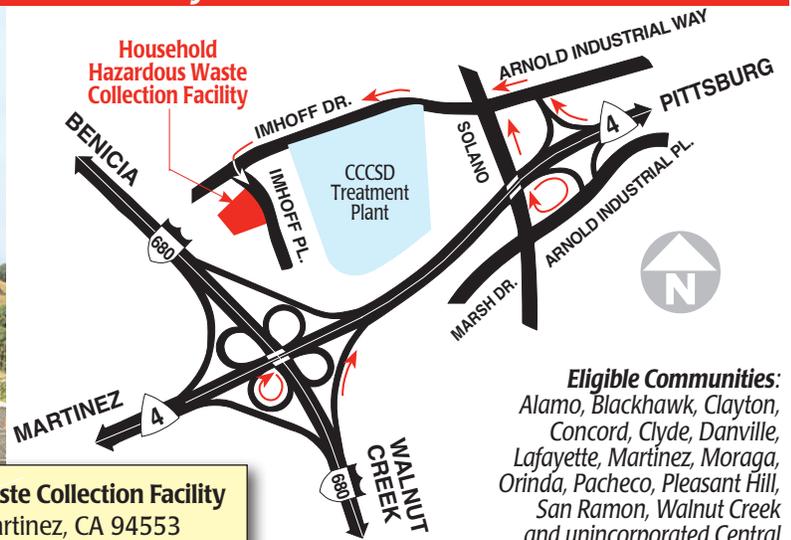
**Businesses:** Monday – Saturday, by appointment only

**Phone: 1-800-646-1431**



**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility**  
4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez, CA 94553

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**Eligible Communities:**  
Alamo, Blackhawk, Clayton, Concord, Clyde, Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, Walnut Creek and unincorporated Central County areas.

- From Hwy. 4 take the Solano Way exit.
- From I-680 take Hwy. 4 East to Solano Way exit.