

Kitsap County is committed to ensuring that the waste you bring to the HHW Collection Facility is recycled, reused, or disposed of in the most environmentally sound method possible. Here is what happens to the materials that are commonly received:

Latex Paint

Unusable latex paint is "bulked" into 55-gallon drums by hand or by a machine that crushes the paint can and extrudes the liquid into a waiting drum. The filled drums are transported to a facility where they are solidified and sent to the landfill.

Flammables (oil-based paint, thinners, solvents, gasoline, aerosol paints, contaminated motor oil & antifreeze, etc.)

If the liquid can be easily removed from its container, (e.g. gasoline, thinners), the contents are poured into a 55-gallon drum. Oil-based paints and aerosols are left in their original containers and put into either a 55-gallon drum or large fiber box. The flammable materials are transported by our hazardous waste contractor to a collection site where the liquid is consolidated with waste collected from other sites into large railcars. The material then goes to cement kilns with permits to use hazardous waste as an alternative fuel source.

Poisonous liquids, solids, and aerosols (Weed-n-Feed, pesticides, DDT, paint strippers, carburetor cleaners, etc.)

These products contain various chemicals, some of which are known or suspected of causing cancer. Poisons are packed into 55-gallon drums and transported by our hazardous waste contractor to a specially permitted facility for incineration.

Mercury and mercury containing items (thermometers, thermostats, switches, etc.)

Mercury is transported by our hazardous waste contractor to a mercury recycling facility where it is reclaimed and purified for limited industrial applications.

Corrosives (acids, alkalines, household cleaners, etc.)

Acids and alkaline materials are placed in plastic-lined, 55-gallon drums and transported by our hazardous waste contractor to a central location to be chemically neutralized. The neutralized material is then either discharged into an approved wastewater treatment plant or solidified and stabilized and sent to a specially permitted landfill.

Oxidizers (pool and spa chemicals, household bleach, etc.)

Oxidizers are packed in plastic lined, 55-gallon drums, and our hazardous waste contractor deactivates them by chemical treatment. The sludgy liquid is stabilized and sent to a specially permitted landfill for final disposal.

Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes

A recycling company transports the bulbs and tubes to their facility. Special equipment breaks the tubes to capture harmful vapors, collects the mercury, and sorts the glass and metal end-caps for recycling. The mercury is transported to a permitted recycling facility that purifies it for limited industrial applications.

Batteries (household, vehicle, etc.)

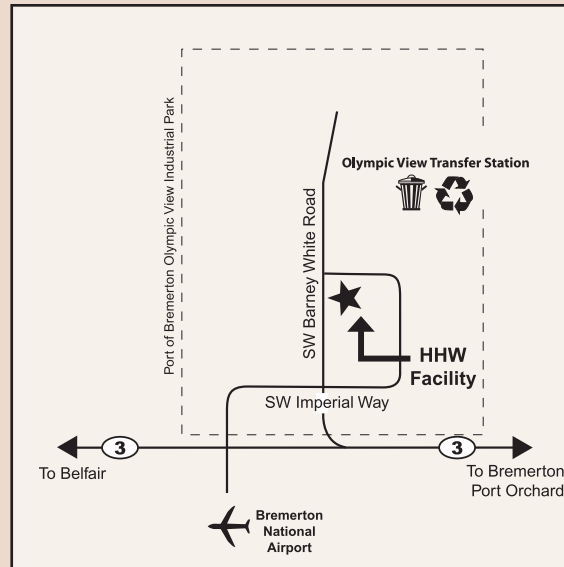
Our battery vendor reclaims the metals (i.e. lithium, lead-acid, nickel-cadmium, nickel-metal hydride, and silver oxide) to manufacture new batteries or create corrosion-resistant coatings on stainless-steel. Alkaline batteries are transported to a steel refiner by our hazardous waste contractor where they are used to make rebar for the construction industry.

Automotive liquids (uncontaminated used oil and antifreeze)

Antifreeze is "bulked" into 55-gallon drums; uncontaminated oil goes into a 350-gallon tank. Uncontaminated oil and antifreeze can also be recycled at recycling and garbage facilities throughout the County and at the Olympic View Transfer Station. Used motor oil can be used as a fuel in industrial and maritime boilers. Antifreeze can be reprocessed and used again.

The Swap Shop

Some materials brought to the HHW Collection Facility are placed into the Swap Shop for reuse. At no charge, you may pick up usable items such as latex and oil-based paints and stains; aerosol paints; automotive products such as motor oil, antifreeze, grease, and waxes; and cleaning products such as window cleaners. Customers must sign a release form when taking items from the Swap Shop because we cannot guarantee 100% product integrity. Materials in the Swap Shop are not for resale.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

**Open Thursday through Saturday
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM***

Residential customers with large containers or loads over 50 gallons and all business customers must call for an appointment.

**Kitsap 1
360-337-5777
www.kitsapgov.com/sw**



*Check the website or call Kitsap 1 for holiday or inclement weather schedules.

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Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Did you know an average household often contains more than 60 hazardous products that cannot be thrown in the garbage? They contain materials harmful to you and the environment. Please properly dispose of items like automotive products, cleaners, fuels, chemicals, appliances, and sharps.

These materials are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

There is no charge for residential disposal.

Call for an appointment if you have waste in a 55-gallon drum or more than 50 gallons of waste for disposal.

Businesses should call Kitsap 1 at 360-337-5777 to make an appointment.

**If the label says
Caution, Warning,
or Danger
Please dispose of properly.**

These materials ARE NOT ACCEPTED at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
For information on proper disposal of these items visit www.kitsap.gov/sw

