

Household Hazardous Waste Safety Tips

- ✓ Use alternative, “green” cleaning products. Use homemade cleaners or purchase cleaners with 3rd party certifications such as EPA’s Design for the Environment or EPA’s Safer Choice.
- ✓ Use all of the chemical product before recycling or disposing of the container.
- ✓ Can’t use a product? Offer good, usable products to neighbors, friends, and family to use or donate it at the Morongo Reuse Center!
- ✓ Store chemicals in their original, labeled containers. Label any unmarked containers with the contents, this includes waste oil containers.
- ✓ If a container is leaking, place it inside of another container, such as a plastic bag or bucket, to prevent the leak from spreading.
- ✓ Do not mix chemicals, even when transporting them to a collection facility.
- ✓ Never dispose of an unwanted household hazardous waste by dumping it down the drain or outside.
- ✓ Bring all unwanted household chemicals to a household hazardous wastes collection event!

For more information on Hazardous Wastes Safety and Disposal, please contact the
Morongo Environmental Protection Department



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Morongo Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and Reuse Center



Morongo is committed to disposing of all hazardous waste responsibly and in compliance with Tribal Laws, Federal Regulations, and California Code of Regulations.

Household Hazardous Wastes Collection

The Morongo Environmental Protection Department offers special collection days to properly dispose of harmful household hazardous waste.

Hazardous Waste Accepted:

Automotive Fluids
Used Oil
Aerosol Cans
Paints
Pesticides/ Herbicides
Fertilizers
Fluorescent Lamps
Household Cleaners
Pool/ Spa Chemicals
Tires
All Batteries
Electronics
Sharps (in a hard-sided container)



Reminder! It is unlawful to dispose of Household Hazardous Wastes and Electronic Wastes in any garbage or recycling bins, on the ground, or in the waterways. (Morongo Solid & Hazardous Wastes Disposal Code, Section 5(H) & 6(A))

Upcoming HHW Collection Events:

Saturday, August 1st, 2020

9 am till Noon at Public Works

***Open to Morongo Residents and Tribal Members Only**

Pick up service available upon request.

Morongo Environmental Reuse Center

The Morongo Environmental Protection Department offers the Morongo community an opportunity to donate any reusable household products and shop the donated household products rather than buying new!

Usable Household Products may include:

Paints and Stains
Small Electronics (working)
Lawn Care Products
Pool Care Products
Vehicle Care Products
Household Cleaners



*All donated, usable items must come in an original container (e.g. paints, vehicle care, lawn care products, etc.) and must have at least 50% or more of the product remaining or have the original, untampered seal. Original labels must be legible. The EPD staff will make the final determination if materials are safe for reuse.

Availability:

The Morongo Reuse Center is available upon request. Contact the Environmental Protection Department to schedule a visit.

The Reuse Center is always open during Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events!

Why Should We Care About Pollution?

Many household products, including cleaners, paints, automotive fluids, and pool chemicals, can be harmful to you, your family, and the environment if they are improperly used and disposed of. These products should never be poured down a drain, dumped on land, or disposed of in any garbage or recycling bin because they have the potential to:

- ◇ Harm sanitation workers, children, and pets;
- ◇ Contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems;
- ◇ Pollute bodies of water; and
- ◇ Contaminate drinking water.

The best way to reduce pollution or waste is to reuse products rather than buying new! Sometimes household products are sitting for a long time and end up becoming waste. Rather than discarding our reusable household products, we should all donate to the Morongo Reuse Center!

All Morongo community members can participate in the Morongo Reuse Program by dropping off and shopping usable household products.

