

HEALTHWEST

PROCEDURE

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Safe Handling and Disposal

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I. PURPOSE

Provide a procedure that demonstrates our commitment to be environmentally responsible and provide a safe work place. HealthWest will handle, store, and dispose of hazardous materials in a manner that conforms to instructions provided on the Safety Data Sheets (SDS). When possible, all materials including hazardous materials should be disposed of at one of the Recycling Centers in Muskegon County.

II. APPLICATION

All HealthWest employees, interns and volunteers.

III. DEFINITIONS

Hazardous Materials: Includes all items listed in the SDS notebook including all biohazardous substances, industrial strength cleaning supplies, oil-based paints, fluorescent light bulbs, copier toner, and computer monitors.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. A wide variety of products can be recycled; please dispose of glass, aluminum, papers, cardboard, and plastic in the recycling bins placed throughout all HealthWest facilities.
- B. Muskegon County has several websites which can be utilized for the disposal of hazardous waste and materials. Please refer to the following websites for additional information.
 - 1. www.lamprecycle.org for information about Fluorescent/Mercury containing lamps.

2. www.sustainablemuskegon.org for information about recycling electronics.
 3. www.mamdp.com for the proper disposal of prescription and over the counter drugs.
- C. The following is from the Muskegon County Web site: www.Co.Muskegon.MI.US/HHW. This website provides specific direction and instructions for the disposal of hazardous waste. HealthWest will follow these directions for the disposal of all hazardous waste.

1. **Muskegon County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program**

Muskegon County Department of Public Works offers a free disposal program to Muskegon County residents for unwanted Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) generated in county. Please note that Commercial and Industrial waste is prohibited. The goal of the HHW program is to divert hazardous materials from the landfill in order to protect residents and the environment. Should you possess any of the following materials, the HHW program will dispose of them in a safe and responsible manner.

- a. Mercury or mercury containing devices (i.e., Compact Florescent Light bulbs, mercury thermometers or thermostats, etc.)
- b. Petroleum products*
- c. Automotive Fluids
- d. Antifreeze
- e. Pesticides
- f. Insecticides
- g. Herbicides
- h. Aerosol cans (containing hazardous materials)
- i. Acids (i.e., Batteries, Muriatic Acid)**
- j. Bases (i.e., Drain cleaner)
- k. Alkaline and Rechargeable (Li-Ion, Ni-Cad, etc.) batteries. No Lead Acid (Car) batteries are accepted**
- l. Other products with approval

* Recycling Used Oil is preferred over disposal as HHW. Used oil can be recycled, free of charge, at any [AutoZone location](#) among other outlets. See the Muskegon County website for a complete list of Used Oil recycling options in Muskegon County.

LEAD ACID BATTERIES (i.e., car/boat batteries) are **NOT accepted.

NOTE: Latex Paint is not accepted. The best way to dispose of paint is to use it up or recycle it! If you're purchasing paint for a project, consider the area you have to cover and use a [paint calculator](#) to ensure you're not buying too much.

If you have leftover (never frozen) latex paint that you wish to recycle, you can bring it to the [Muskegon County Habitat for Humanity Re-Store](#) Locations or to [Port City Paints/RepcoLite Paints, Inc.](#)

As a last resort, if you cannot find a use/recycling outlet for old left-over latex paint, it may be disposed of with your household trash **as long as it is dried or**

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solidified by adding kitty litter, (or other drying media) and leaving it open to dry in a well-ventilated area, away from children and animals.

2. **Regular Collection Hours:** The second and fourth Friday each month, from May to October 1:00-3:00 PM. Late fall and winter collection is by appointment only. Appointments are made only for those who are not able to wait for a normal collection day.
3. **Muskegon County HHW Regular Collection Location:**
Household Hazardous Waste Site (Rear Lot of Pound Buddies)
[1300 Keating, Muskegon, MI](#)

If you have questions regarding materials you would like to dispose of, please contact Greg Leverage at Muskegon County Solid Waste, 231-724-6003.

V. REFERENCES

HealthWest SDS Sheets

Muskegon County, Public Works-Household Hazardous Waste

http://sustainablemuskegon.org/images/pdf/SustainableMuskegon_HHW_-Recycle_Guide.pdf

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