

Spring Lake Storm Water Newsletter - Winter 2010

Household Hazardous Waste

Almost every household product that is typically kept out of the reach of children is hazardous. Never pour these products into the storm sewer because they can be toxic to the environment. Some common household hazardous products include:

- Air fresheners
- Bleach
- Drain cleaners
- Furniture polish
- Hand cleaners
- Floor cleaners
- Metal polishes
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Window cleaners

Hazardous products have warning labels to help you identify them, such as:

- “Harmful or fatal if swallowed” – poisonous
- “Keep out of reach of children” – poisonous and has other hazardous properties
- “Use only in a well-ventilated area” – poisonous fumes
- “Do not use near heat” – flammable or may explode
- “Causes severe burns on contact” – corrosive and burns skin

If any of these warning labels are on a product, it is a good sign that such products would be damaging to the environment. Be sure to properly dispose of household hazardous materials to prevent storm water pollution.

Disposing of paint: Always dispose of leftover paint after a home remodeling or redecoration project. Watch for the community Hazardous Waste Pickup location and date!

Handling Household Hazardous Waste

Here are some ways to prevent stormwater pollution when using hazardous products.

- Buy only the amount of household product needed.
- Store unused products in a secure location.
- Buy nontoxic, biodegradable, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean up product spills immediately and safely.
- Dispose of household products only at approved disposal locations.

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Remember – It’s not just Stormwater – It’s your drinking water