

Free Home Hazardous Waste Disposal Checklist

A printable checklist showing which common household items require specialist disposal before your next clear-out.

1. GARAGE, SHED & WORKSHOP CHEMICALS

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| ☐ | Liquid Paints, White Spirits & Solvent Thinners
Never pour down drains; harden with paint solidifier or take liquid cans to a council recycling center. | Council HWRC Only |
| ☐ | Motor Oils, Antifreeze & Lead-Acid Car Batteries
Highly toxic to water tables; drop off at registered local garages or designated municipal oil banks. | Specialist Oil Bank |
| ☐ | Garden Weedkillers, Pesticides & Fertilisers
Must be kept in original sealed containers and taken directly to a hazardous chemical collection facility. | Hazardous Site |

2. BATTERIES, ELECTRONICS & LIGHTING

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| ☐ | Lithium-Ion & Household Rechargeable Batteries
Fire hazard in general bins; deposit in supermarket battery collection bins or local recycling points. | Battery Drop Point |
| ☐ | Fluorescent Tubes & Energy-Saving CFL Bulbs
Contain trace amounts of mercury; do not smash or place in standard glass recycling bins. | Council HWRC |
| ☐ | WEEE Items (Old Laptops, Monitors & Appliances)
WEEE compliant disposal required; take to municipal electronics recycling points or arrange retailer take-back. | WEEE Depot |

3. FLAMMABLES, GAS BOTTLES & MEDICAL WASTE

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| ☐ | Propane / Butane Cylinders & Fire Extinguishers
Explosion risk in transport compactors; return directly to supplier (e.g. Calor) or certified HWRC depot. | Return to Supplier |
| ☐ | Expired Pharmaceuticals & Prescription Drugs
Never flush down toilets or sinks; return unused medicines to your local community pharmacy for safe incineration. | Local Pharmacy |
| ☐ | Aerosols, Bleach & Corrosive Cleaners
Ensure cans are fully depressurised before standard metal recycling; dispose of corrosive liquids via HWRC. | HWRC / Emptied Only |

SAFETY TIP FROM SAMEDAY REMOVALS

Removal companies cannot legally transport pressurized gas bottles, flammable fuels, or hazardous liquid chemicals in standard removal vehicles due to transit insurance regulations. Sort and dispose of these items at least 2 weeks before moving day!