

## Making your home safer...

The Iowa City Landfill & Recycling Center offers a permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facility. Landfill staff is also available to schedule HHW mobile collection events for groups such as neighborhood associations, Scout troops, church or community groups, and communities or subdivisions in Johnson County. Please call the Landfill Office at 319-356-5185 for more information regarding HHW mobile collection events.

### How to use the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility:

The facility accepts hazardous materials free of charge from both urban and rural residents of Johnson County. Residents of the communities of Kalona and Riverside are also eligible to use the facility at no cost.

The facility is open by appointment only. The process to use the facility is easy:

- ▶ Take a quick inventory of your items.
- ▶ Label unmarked containers. (for example, glass cleaner, paint remover, mixed gas. Note what it was used for.)
- ▶ Call the Landfill office, 319-356-5185, to make the appointment.
- ▶ Appointments are scheduled Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ▶ Keep items in original containers; never mix materials together.
- ▶ Load and transport materials carefully.
- ▶ Arrive at your appointment on time, pull up to the collection facility, and remain in your vehicle. Landfill staff will be ready to serve you.
- ▶ Fill out the short survey.

There is no charge for residential customers. Small businesses should call for more information regarding the permanent Household Hazardous Waste collection facility or to discuss mobile collections.

### Swap Shop

Visit the “Swap Shop” – no appointment necessary. This program helps reduce waste by offering partially consumed, useable products in original containers, such as paint, cleaning supplies, and automobile fluids. Items that the original owner can no longer use are placed on the shelves for other shoppers to take, if it’s something they want or can use. Help yourself! There’s no charge!

## Hazardous items that we accept

Hazardous products can be found throughout the home. Look in the kitchen, bathroom, basement, and garage for the following items:

### Kitchen

floor care products  
furniture polish  
metal polish  
oven cleaner  
stain remover  
drain cleaner

### Bathroom

toilet bowl cleaner  
mildew remover  
abrasive cleaner  
disinfectant  
hair remover

### Garage

brake fluid  
engine degreaser  
battery acid  
lighter fluid  
kerosene  
gasoline  
oil  
auto batteries  
transmission fluid

### Lawn/Garden

weed killer  
pesticides  
bug spray  
fertilizer

### Workshop

paint  
adhesives  
glue  
resin  
solvents  
strippers  
varnishes  
stains  
thinners  
re-chargeable batteries

### Miscellaneous

photo developers  
pool chemicals  
shoe polish  
art supply chemicals  
moth balls  
nail polish and remover  
syringes  
fluorescent light tubes  
compact fluorescent  
light bulbs: For a list of  
locations to dispose of  
CFL bulbs, visit  
[www.icgov.org/cfl](http://www.icgov.org/cfl)



### Items we don't accept:

There are a few materials that the collection facility will not accept: propane cylinders; ammunition and explosives; radioactive materials; infectious medical waste; and fire extinguishers. To find out how to dispose of these items, call 319-356-5185 and we'll help you find a place.

## Tips for disposing of latex paint

To dispose of latex paint at your home:

- ▶ Give away unused paint to a friend or group that can use it, *or* mix together light colors to use as a primer for upcoming projects in your home.
- ▶ Empty cans of dried latex paint can be placed in your regular trash. Leave the lids off.
- ▶ Small amounts of latex paint can be dried out and put in your regular trash. To dry out completely, add kitty litter or pour onto cardboard.
- ▶ Carefully measure the dimensions of your next painting project and buy only what you need.



## Disposal of motor oil

Used motor oil and oil filters are accepted at the Landfill drop-off building operation hours. No appointment is necessary.

Used motor oil and oil filters may also be recycled at the East Side Recycling Center at 2401 Scott Blvd. SE, Iowa City. Place used oil in a sealed container and leave it on the shelves in the oil recycling shed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

## Electronics waste

Electronic waste is accepted at the Landfill during Landfill hours and at ReStore at the East Side Recycling Center during donation hours (see [www.iowacityrestore.com](http://www.iowacityrestore.com)). No appointment is necessary. Fees apply. See the back of brochure for more info.

## What is household hazardous waste?

Many products used in homes contain hazardous materials. Improper disposal of these products may result in injury to people, pets, or wildlife; cause fires; or contaminate groundwater.

Products are considered hazardous when they contain one or more of the following characteristics:

- ▶ **Toxic** – able to cause severe injury or death when inhaled, ingested or absorbed through the skin. Examples include mothballs and pesticides.
- ▶ **Corrosive** – capable of burning or destroying living tissue or material by a chemical reaction. Examples include bleach, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, and pool chemicals.
- ▶ **Reactive** – capable of exploding when exposed to heat, sudden shock, pressure, or incompatible substances. An example is a mixture of chlorine bleach and ammonia.
- ▶ **Combustible** – capable of being easily set on fire. Examples include thinner, nail polish, and aerosol products.

Most problems associated with the use, storage, and disposal of a household hazardous material can be avoided by following these steps:

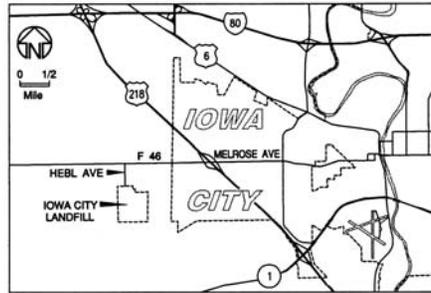
- ▶ Look for safer, non-toxic alternatives and avoid labels with words like DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION.
- ▶ Buy only the amount you need. Give unused portions to someone who can use it.
- ▶ Store the item properly. Keep items in their original, labeled containers and store away from children and pets.
- ▶ Dispose of hazardous products safely by calling the Iowa City Landfill at 319-356-5185 to make an appointment.

## Landfill services

### Iowa City Landfill & Recycling Center

3900 Hebl Ave. SW, Iowa City  
319-356-5185

The Landfill is located two miles west of Iowa City on County Road F-46 (Melrose Avenue)



### Landfill hours

Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

Appointments available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call for an appointment during landfill hours.

### Services available

Recyclables drop-off	Free for residents
Trash / garbage disposal	\$42.50 per ton (Iowa City) \$47.50 (outside Iowa City)
Yard waste (commercial)	\$24 per ton
Yard waste (residential)	Free
Tires	7¢/pound (\$3 min.)
Appliances	\$12.50 (oversize \$1/cu. ft.)
Scrap metal	No charge
Waste oil	No charge
Electronic waste	\$10/monitors under 18" \$15/large items/console TVs/monitors over 18"

\$2 minimum charge

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