

# Citizen's Guide to the Michigan Wellhead Protection Program



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## PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT: KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE

### DID YOU KNOW...

...that items we use everyday could be hazardous? This is especially true if they are disposed of improperly. Dumping home toxics down drains, sinks and toilets, or putting them in the trash could hurt your health and the environment around you.

#### DISPOSAL INFORMATION

**LATEX PAINT.** Normal trash pickup (open the can and dry it out with cat litter. Keep it separated from your other trash.)

**AMMUNITION.** Check with your local County Sheriff's Department Property Room.

**SMOKE DETECTORS.** Return them to the manufacturer.

#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY...

- Minimize the frequency and application of home chemicals.
- Use a broom, not a hose to clean spills.
- Maintain your cars by repairing leaks immediately and disposing fluids properly.
- Store home toxics properly by keeping in cool, dry areas and protect products from freezing.
- Dispose of home toxics properly. Contact the local health department for appropriate disposal information.

#### CALL YOUR COUNTY FOR INFORMATION ON DISPOSAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- ✓ AEROSOLS (Full or Partially Full)
- ✓ ANTIFREEZE \*
- ✓ ASPHALT AND ROOFING TAR
- ✓ CAR BATTERIES \*
- ✓ CLEANERS AND POLISHES
- ✓ FLAMMABLES (Gasoline, Starting Fluids)
- ✓ HOME REPAIR PRODUCTS (Glues, Caulking)
- ✓ HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES
- ✓ MERCURY (Thermometers, Home Thermostats)
- ✓ NICKEL CADMIUM RECHARGABLE BATTERIES (used in cordless phones, camcorders, cordless tools, etc.)
- ✓ OIL BASED PAINT
- ✓ PAINT THINNERS, SOLVENTS, VARNISHES
- ✓ PESTICIDES
- ✓ PHOTOGRAPHIC CHEMICALS
- ✓ TRANSMISSION OR BRAKE FLUID \*
- ✓ USED MOTOR OIL \*
- ✓ WEED KILLERS



\* Your local auto service station may accept these items.

**DON'T DUMP IT IF YOU WOULDN'T DRINK IT!**

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