

# Clean Water

At A Glance

Household  
Hazardous  
Wastes

## Household Hazardous Wastes

You can protect your home, health, and the health of our local waterways by storing, using, and disposing properly of certain household chemicals. Items we use every day in home improvement projects, yard work, and automotive maintenance may contain hazardous materials.



### Usage

Carefully read and follow all directions provided with the product. Only buy the products you really need. Use a broom, or dry and absorbant materials, to clean up spills. Never wash toxins into the road or driveway where they will flow into a storm drain and into our waterways.

### Storage

Cover and store hazardous materials away from rain in a place where children and animals cannot get them. Leave chemicals in their original containers, sealed with tightly fitting lids. Secondary containment, such as putting your covered container inside a tray, is worth the effort. It is less expensive to prevent pollution than to clean up a spill!

### Disposal

Keep hazardous wastes out of storm drains and ditches, and off the ground - or it will end up in our rivers, streams, and drinking water. It is against City Code 4.372 to dump anything into the stormwater system. Household hazardous wastes should not go down your drain or in the trash either. Lane County Waste Management operates a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center to safely and properly dispose of these materials - at no charge to you. Call 541.682.4120 to make an appointment.

### Report Water Pollution

Help keep our local rivers healthy and report water pollution. Call the water pollution reporting hotline at 541.726.3694 or email [dpw@springfield-or.gov](mailto:dpw@springfield-or.gov)

### Common Household Hazardous Wastes

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| Oven Cleaner          | Gasoline       | Thermometers (mercury) |
| Toilet Bowl Cleaner   | Fuel           | Rechargeable Batteries |
| Drain Cleaner         | Oil Varnishes  | Propane Cylinders      |
| Aerosols              | Antifreeze     | Lye                    |
| Floor Care Products   | Car Batteries  | Brake Fluid            |
| Ammonia               | Paint Thinner  | Transmission Fluid     |
| Metal Polish          | Pool Chemicals | Oil Paint              |
| Mildew & Lime Remover | Solvents       | Rust Remover           |
| Motor Oil             | Insecticides   |                        |



For more information on how to protect local rivers, go to [springfieldstreams.org](http://springfieldstreams.org) or email our team at [WaterResources@springfield-or.gov](mailto:WaterResources@springfield-or.gov)



# Alternative Cleaning Products

Purpose	Ingredients	Directions
All Purpose Cleaner	2 tbs. white vinegar 1 tsp. borax or washing soda 2 cups hot water 1 tsp. liquid soap	Mix everything but soap in a spray bottle and shake. Add soap last and mix gently. Good for counters, appliances etc.
Scouring Paste	2/3 cup baking soda 1/2 cup liquid soap or detergent 2 tbl. vinegar	Scrub with a rough pad.
Drain Cleaner	Try using a plunger first 1/2 cup baking soda 1/2 cup vinegar	Pour baking soda down drain, followed by vinegar. Let it bubble for 15 minutes and follow with boiling water. If that doesn't work, rent a drain snake.
Tub & Tile Cleaner	1 2/3 cup water 1/4 cup liquid soap 1/4 cup baking soda 2 tbl. vinegar	Add soap to water and let dissolve. Stir in baking soda, then add vinegar. Store in a squirt bottle and shake before using. Rinse thoroughly to avoid leaving a residue.
Floor Cleaner	2 tbl. liquid soap or detergent 1 gallon hot water	Mix, mop, and wipe clean.
Tile Floor Cleaner	1 cup vinegar 1 gallon hot water	Mix, mop, and wipe clean.
Wood Floor Polish	1/4 cup olive oil 1/4 cup vinegar	Mix and apply. Wipe clean
Brass & Copper Cleaner	2/3 cup vinegar 2/3 cup flour 1/2 cup salt	In a glass bowl, mix vinegar and flour. Add salt and stir. Spread on tarnished metal. Wait 1-2 hours. Rinse, dry, and polish with a dab of olive oil.
Wood Furniture Polish	3/4 cup olive oil 1/4 cup vinegar 1/2 tsp. lemon oil	Mix thoroughly in a squirt bottle. Shake well and squirt on furniture or rag and rub into wood.

**Help protect our waterways.**