

To recycle hazardous waste locally might mean donating unused products, like paints, to neighbors or community groups. Take used motor oil and oil filters to an oil recycling center. Call to find out who will **pay** you for that old oil. Paint, garden chemicals, toxic cleaning products and batteries can be kept until there is a hazardous waste disposal day. Do not dispose of these products in the regular trash pickup or by pouring them out on the soil.

Burning toxic substances can make them more dangerous and release them into the air. Incinerators burning plastic waste are regarded as one of the major sources of dioxins, a known carcinogen. Spinach grown near plastic waste incinerators, and leeks, which are more exposed to the atmosphere than other vegetables because of their shape, were found to be substantially more contaminated with dioxins than carrots and potatoes, which grow underground, and spinach grown in areas without incinerators. Burning glossy, colored paper releases heavy metals from the ink. Do not put these ashes in your garden! Burn only noncolored newsprint (unless its soybased ink) and non glossy papers if you plan on composting them. Please take products to a disposal site listed on the other side of this page.

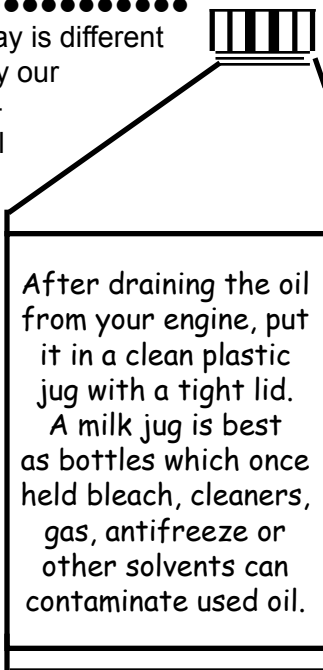


By shopping for nontoxic products you send a message to manufacturers in a language they understand. For resources, product suggestions and many interesting brochures come by the Watershed Center in Sawyers Bar or call us and we'll get the info to you.



The oil we use today is different than the oil used by our parents and grandparents. Today's oil additives make it more toxic to the soil and the water. Oil dumped on the ground can seep into ground water.

Oil never wears out, it just gets dirty. Take your used oil in for recycling.



After draining the oil from your engine, put it in a clean plastic jug with a tight lid. A milk jug is best as bottles which once held bleach, cleaners, gas, antifreeze or other solvents can contaminate used oil.

In Siskiyou County *the closest places to take used motor oil are:* Valley Tire on Hwy 3 in Ft. Jones, Happy Camp Landfill on Hwy 96, The Oil Changer at 1256 S. Main in Yreka and Larry's BP on E. Miner St. in Yreka which takes oil filters and antifreeze as well. Do not mix them.

If you usually go downriver, the first place you'll find which takes used oil is Clifford's gas station in Orleans. They take oil filters, transmission fluid, antifreeze, and old car batteries at no cost. There are recycling centers in Arcata, McKinleyville, and Eureka which take car batteries, household batteries and latex paint, see the other side of this brochure or call SRRC.



Our **septic systems** work with the help of beneficial bacteria breaking down the solids. If you pour hazardous chemicals down your sink or toilet, *even the ones sold to unclog or clean*, you can kill the beneficial bacteria, thus slowing down your septic systems function. Also, chemicals that cannot be broken down can pollute the soil and leach into groundwater. Use a plunger or plumber's snake for clogs. Never dispose of hazardous substances down your drains, but *do* pour spoiled milk products into your toilet to enhance the beneficial bacteria in your tank!

Waste combustion and landfiling are how we manage the trash we cannot recycle. Currently, Scott Valley Disposal comes to **Sawyers Bar** Wednesdays from 7 am until 9:30 am, then drives to **Forks of Salmon** to pick up your garbage from 10 pm until 1 pm. He then goes to **Cecilville**, from 2 pm until 4 pm. From the river he takes our trash to the Yreka Landfill at a cost to us of \$1 a bag.

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle! Restore!

Salmon River Restoration Council

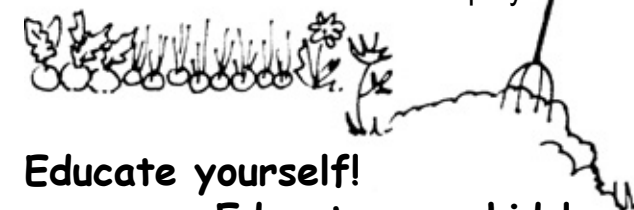
ON RECYCLING and Hazardous Waste Disposal



Reduce-source reduction and using nontoxic products can help reduce waste disposal, conserve resources, reduce pollution and can save you money. Buy safe alternatives and avoid overpackaged goods.

Recycling raw materials into new products prevents useful materials from being landfilled or burned, thus saving energy and natural resources. Recycle and buy recycled products.

Composting is just one form of recycling a lot of us on the Salmon River employ.



Educate yourself!
Educate your kids!



Each time you recycle you have a positive impact on the environment as well as your pocketbook. Why not pay for gas to town by recycling cans, bottles, and motor oil? **Every day in America alone**, two million trees are cut down; 35% are used to make paper products. Each ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 4,100 kilowatts of electricity and keeps 60 pounds of pollutants out of the air!

A recycled aluminum can takes 95% less energy to make than a new one. 20 cans can be made with the same energy it takes to make 1 new one.

Recycling steel and tin cans saves 74% of the energy used to make them from raw materials.

For every ton of glass we recycle, we save *more* than a ton in raw materials needed for new glass.

In Siskiyou County, we generate about 3.5 lbs of garbage per person each day, close to 29,000 tons per year. 75% of this goes into landfill. New landfills are extremely expensive to build. It makes sense to conserve what space we do have, and avoid filling it up with recyclable materials.

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) are toxic substances used around the home like paint, garden chemicals, cleaning products and batteries. These wastes must be disposed in such a way that they don't find their way into our soil and water.

Siskiyou County is working on solutions to safe, convenient disposal of them. HHW collection events have been held in the past, and future events will occur based on funding. For more information about HHW events - Siskiyou Co. Dept. of Public Works in Yreka, (530)842-8250.

Currently, the places to dispense of these HHW's are:

Auto batteries- accepted at no charge at the landfill in Yreka or Clifford's gas station, Orleans

Household batteries (may contain heavy metals and electrolytes) take them to Hamel's Recycling, Hwy. 299, Willow Creek, Humboldt Recycling on Central Ave. in McKinleyville, or Solutions on H st. in Arcata

Latex Paint- They recycle unused paint and offer it for sale at Paint on Sale, 327 7th St. in Eureka, or can you think of someone or some organization that can use it? The Community Center? No? Allow it to harden, then dispose of it at the landfill.

Oil- see other side of this brochure

Oil filters, Transmission fluid and Anti-freeze- Clifford's gas station in Orleans.

Do not mix any of the fluids mentioned above.



Is there hazardous waste in your home?

Two good reasons for using nontoxic cleaners: Your Health and the Problematic Effects of toxic chemicals to the environment.

READ THE LABELS!

Avoid cleaning products containing such hazardous materials as:

Ammonia, responsible for more human poisoning than any other substance, Chlorinated materials, Oxalic acid, Lye, Sodium Hydroxide, Sodium Bisulfate, Phosphates which cause excessive growth of algae in water, suffocating marine life, EDTA which binds with heavy metals in water, reintroducing them to the water supply, Enzymes which can cause skin or respiratory allergies in people around you, Glycol Ether which enters our body when it evaporates or gets on our skin. It's a nervous system depressant and liver poison. Trichlor-ethane or nitrobenzene may cause central nervous system problems; liver, kidney and immune system damage.

Did you know you shouldn't drink alcohol while using conventional shoe polish? The combination of chemicals may cause ill effects, even death!!.

Try instead walnut oil, beeswax, vinegar, biodegradable liquid soap, lemon juice, baking soda, borax, club soda, no-phosphate detergents and non-chlorine bleach.



Did you know most centers also take: **All glass**, (separated by colors and without the caps on), **Aluminum** foil & pie plates, **Steel or Tin** food cans **Glossy paper**-magazines & catalogs, **Used office material** such as fax paper, envelopes, file folders, junk mail, colored paper, etc. **Household & Car batteries** and **Used motor oil & filters**

The Karuk Tribe DNR currently has a grant to pick up your recycling at sites on the Klamath River. For info call (530)627-3440

There is a website that lists all recycle centers in CA and relevant information at www.cleanup.org and a site with ideas for recycling, occasionally free materials and other useful info and links put out by the Integrated Waste Management Program can be found at www.ciwmb.ca.gov

More than 60% of Siskiyou County's wastes filling the dumps are recyclable!