

# KEEP IT CLEAN

Help keep Gore Creek healthy by properly disposing of chlorinated water and hazardous waste like paint, fertilizer, and household cleaners.



## GUIDE FOR CHEMICAL DISPOSAL

Whether you're draining your hot tub or pool, or looking to dispose of unused paint or chemicals, Gore Creek may appear to be the most convenient option. But dumping these liquids into the water can do serious damage. Here are some simple, convenient ways to dispose of these substances properly.

### CHLORINATED WATER: HOT TUBS + POOLS

Swimming pools and hot tubs may be drained to the wastewater collection system (i.e., a drain in your home) once a year, or as needed for repairs. Follow these guidelines:

- Notify the District by telephone two (2) business days prior to draining a swimming pool.
- Allow the pool or hot-tub water to sit for at least 5 days without adding chlorine or bromine, or until the chlorine or bromine levels are below 0.1 mg/L.
- Ensure that the pH balance of the water is between 6.5 and 8.5 before it is discharged.
- Ensure that the discharge water is free of any unusual coloration.
- Do not discharge settled material with pool or hot tub water; total suspended solids must be below 60 mg/L.
- Remove any solid chlorine or bromine tablets or pucks from the filtration system and disconnect automatic disinfecting devices well in advance of draining a pool, hot tub or other similar facility.
- Control the drainage rate to less than 100 gallons per minute.

If it's not possible for you to drain the pool or hot tub to the wastewater system, contact the Town of Vail or Eagle County for guidance.



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Dispose of paint, thinners, and other household hazardous waste properly by bringing them to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility at the Eagle County landfill. Don't pour these items down a storm drain, a sink, or a waterway, as they will disrupt processes at the wastewater treatment facility. Residents can dispose of up to 20 items at the HHW facility (north of Wolcott) for free; local business are charged a fee based on weight or volume. Homeowners are required to show proof of residency and must fill out a certification statement prior to, or at the time of, disposal. For additional information, see [www.eaglecounty.us/RecyclingWaste](http://www.eaglecounty.us/RecyclingWaste).

Use these tips to ensure proper disposal of household hazardous waste:

- The safest way to dispose of household hazardous waste is to use the product until it is completely gone.
- If you can't finish the product, share with neighbors, friends or professionals who may have use for it.
- Read product labels for specific disposal instructions; if stated, follow manufacturer's directions for proper disposal.
- If instructions are not included, or if you are unsure about proper disposal of a product, contact the manufacturer or call Eagle County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility at 970-328-3463.
- Recycle the material whenever possible; if not recyclable, bring it to the HHW/CESQG facility.
- Prescription drugs (non-controlled substances) and over-the-counter medicines are accepted at the HHW facility and the Rx Drop Box located at the Eagle County Sheriff's office (885 Chambers Avenue, Eagle CO) Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m at no cost. All personally identifiable information should be removed. For more information, call 970-328-8500.

## WHERE IS HAZARDOUS WASTE FOUND?

Household hazardous waste is found in any typical household. These products are used in the home, garden, garage and hobby shop. Any product marked in the manner enumerated below should be considered a household hazardous product.



- Caution
- Keep out of reach of children
- Danger
- Poison
- Hazardous
- Flammable
- Harmful or fatal if swallowed
- Causes severe burns on contact
- Do not use near heat or flame
- Vapor harmful
- Eye and skin irritant
- Use in a well ventilated area

Once you decide to discard these products, they become household hazardous wastes and need to be disposed in a safe manner.



## WASTE ACCEPTED AT THE HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

- Lawn and garden products include insect sprays, fertilizers, weed killers, fungicide, herbicide and rodenticides.
- Paint and paint-related products include latex paint, oil-based paint, paint thinner, turpentine, paint strippers, rust removers, varnishes and stains.
- Household cleaners include ammonia and bleach-based cleaners, oven, drain, floor, tub, tile and toilet bowl cleaners.
- Automotive fluids and batteries include used motor oil and filters, gas fuel, diesel fuel, lead acid batteries, antifreeze, and brake and transmission fluid.
- Miscellaneous waste includes mercury thermostats, batteries, swimming pool chemicals, sharps and syringes.

When in doubt,  
contact the  
Household Hazardous  
Waste facility at  
970-328-3463.