

Enjoy summer activities while being household hazardous waste aware!

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Spending time outdoors or in the pool this summer? Whether we realize it or not, many of our summertime activities can contribute to pollution and landfill fires if we're not careful. One of the easiest ways to prevent this is by becoming hazardous waste aware.

Household hazardous waste (HHW) can be found in every home and includes batteries, paints, cleaners, motor oil, gasoline, pool chemicals, propane cylinders, pesticides, fertilizers and more. These items should never be put in the garbage or your curbside recycling, nor should they be poured down the drain or into the natural environment. Improper disposal of HHW can pollute waterways, harm fish and potentially spark landfill fires – a big concern during the summer months! HHW can be safely disposed of for FREE at Hartland Landfill. For more info, including additional drop-offs, visit www.crd.bc.ca/hhw.

6 common summer activities to be hazardous waste aware of this summer:

1. **Camping/BBQing** – Be sure to safely store your propane tanks and cylinders and properly dispose of them once you're done. Learn more about where to take propane tanks and cylinders at www.myrecyclopedia.ca.
2. **E-biking** – Regular maintenance is important for maintaining e-bike and their batteries. It's important if an e-mobility battery has reached the end of its life that it's recycled responsibly. Find a list of free drop-off locations at call2recycle.ca.
3. **Relaxing in the pool or hot tub** – The only safe place for pool chemical is in your pool or hot tub. Unused or expired chemicals can be dropped off at Hartland Landfill for free, keeping them out of the landfill and away from potential fire sources.
4. **Outdoor Painting** – Summer is a time when the weather is nice and perfect for outdoor painting, but be spill prepared with absorbent materials nearby so that pollutants don't wash into storm drains. Find out where leftover paint and paint cans can be recycled at www.myrecyclopedia.ca.
5. **Outdoor Cleaning** – Buy only what you need and safely store what you don't use. Alternatively, DIY cleaning products with the [Clean Green Cookbook](#).
6. **Gardening** – Instead of using harsh pesticides and fertilizers, try your green thumb with [natural gardening](#) techniques and [gardening with native plants](#).

Have a great summer and thank you for helping keep our environment clean, and workers and wildlife safe.

Be sure to handle with care and get it all there! For more information on household hazardous waste and drop-off locations, visit www.crd.bc.ca/hhw.