

What Kind of Materials are *NOT* Accepted at the S.A.F.E. Collection Centers?

- ◆ Empty Containers
- ◆ Explosives - Shock sensitive materials such as dynamite, ammunition, picric acid, fireworks, and firearms
- ◆ Garbage - Municipal waste
- ◆ Known PCB wastes
- ◆ Bio-medical and pathological wastes - any infectious waste
- ◆ Radioactive substances
- ◆ Tires
- ◆ Yard waste



For more information . . .

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S.A.F.E.

Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, Electronics



“ Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be ‘residential special materials.’ ”

Environmental Protection Agency

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Why a S.A.F.E. Center?

Since 1989, the Bureau of Sanitation has operated the Residential Special Materials (RSM) Program. RSM consists of waste such as paint, cleaners and solvents, used oil, paint thinners, furniture polish, and unwanted electronic equipment. City residents have brought such materials to periodic collection events held throughout the City. These collection events have served over 200,000 residents and small businesses and collected over 19 million pounds of RSM waste.



However, there is a constant demand for RSM disposal and this demand is increasing. The current periodic collection events do not always provide enough time and adequate opportunities for residents to responsibly dispose of and recycle RSM waste. A fixed collection site will provide consistent service for RSM waste collection and recycling.

How Does It Work?

- ◆ The S.A.F.E. Centers will be in operation anywhere from two to four days per week with weekend days included.
- ◆ Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ When you bring your RSM waste to the S.A.F.E. Center, it will be unloaded from your car and placed into drums.
- ◆ The drums are stored in special containers and the drums in these storage containers will be periodically transported to a recycling and disposal facility.
- ◆ S.A.F.E. Center services are free of charge to residents bringing waste from their households.
- ◆ By appointment only and for a nominal fee, small businesses can also take advantage of the S.A.F.E. Centers.



Is it Safe?

- ◆ The S.A.F.E. Center is designed to contain any accidental leakage.
- ◆ The waste drums contain material to absorb any accidental leakage and also act as a shock absorber.
- ◆ The waste drums are stored in large containers constructed out of steel and are fire and leak proof.
- ◆ All wastes are handled by trained professionals.



What Kind of Materials Are Accepted?

This is a short list to give you an idea of what kind of materials will be accepted:

Acids	Dioxin Pesticides	Lubricants	Rubber Cements
Adhesives	Disinfectants	Mercury	Rug Cleaners
Aerosols	Drain Cleaners	Moth Balls/flakes	Rust Solvents
Airplane glue	Fiberglass Resins	Motor Oils	Silvex (pesticide)
Antifreeze	Flea Products	Nail Polish/Remover	Spot Removers
Auto Batteries	Fuels	Oven Cleaners	Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Batteries	Furniture Polish	Paints (oil based/latex)	Tub/Tile Cleaners
Brake Fluid	Gasoline	Paint Removers	Turpentine
Cements	Herbicides	Paint Thinners	Varnish
Chemistry Sets	Hobby Chemicals	Pesticides	Weed Killers
Chlorine	Inks	Photo Chemicals	Wood Preservatives
Cleaning Fluids	Insecticides	Pool Chemicals	Wood Stains
Corrosives	Insect Repellents	Propane Cylinders (up to 30#)	
Degreasers	Lacquers	Rat & Mice Poisons	