



Guide to household hazardous waste disposal in Banana Shire

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The use of harmful chemicals is not just confined to industry applications. Almost every household in Banana Shire will have some form of hazardous material lurking under the kitchen sink, in the garage or the garden shed. At some point these chemicals will no longer be required and will need to be disposed of correctly.

Household hazardous waste includes everyday products such as bleach, oven cleaners, mineral turpentine, fuel, herbicides and pool chlorine. Some these products are not dangerous goods; however can be flammable, corrosive, explosive or toxic and must never be disposed of in your household wheelie bin.

Why do I need to dispose of my household hazardous waste correctly?

For safety reasons, residents are asked to deliver hazardous waste in containers with tight fitting lids that do not leak, to the household hazardous waste drop off points at Biloela or Moura Waste Transfer Stations. Please be aware that the Council keeps all containers that the waste is delivered in.

A maximum of five (5) litres of household hazardous waste will be accepted per household.

What do I do with my household waste in unlabelled containers?

It is possible to drop off items where the resident is no longer certain of the type of waste stored (e.g. unlabelled waste that has been decanted into another container). The site operator separates these items for further analysis, collection and treatment.

The following items are not accepted at household hazardous waste drop off points:

- Asbestos (asbestos must be double wrapped and disposed of in accordance with Council's asbestos guidelines)
- Explosive items such as ammunitions, explosives and flares (take to your local Police station).

What happens to household hazardous waste?

Household hazardous waste is separated and managed according to its type. It is then collected by a licenced regulated waste transporter for special disposal or treatment.

How do I reduce household hazardous waste?

- Look for non-hazardous alternatives
- Only buy what you need.

What do I do with my waste paint?

Paint that can be reused is accepted in up to 20L containers at Biloela and Moura Waste Transfer Stations for resale. You can only put small amounts of paint in your rubbish bin. Small amounts of paint can be dried and solidified by adding a material to soak up the liquid such as kitty litter, soil or grass clippings. Alternatively, pour liquids onto newspaper and cover them with absorbent material before putting them into your rubbish bin.

You can place empty paint tins with minimal paint residue in the scrap metal bin at all waste facilities.

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DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Material	Sewer *	All Waste Transfer stations	Rubbish bin	Biloela and Moura Waste Transfer Stations in designated areas
Cooking oil	No	No	Yes ¹	Yes
Insect sprays	No	No	No	Yes
Drain cleaner/disinfectant	Yes	No	No	No
Floor care products	No	No	Yes ¹	Yes
Metal polish with solvent	No	No	Yes ¹	Yes
Window and ammonia based cleaners	Yes	No	No	No
Antifreeze	Yes	No	No	Yes
Car batteries	No	Yes	No	Yes
Brake fluid	No	No	No	Yes
Motor oil, sump oil and gear oil (maximum 20 litres)	No	Yes	No	Yes
Petrol and marine fuel	No	No	No	Yes
Windshield washer solution	Yes	No	No	No
Fungicide/insecticide	No	No	No	Yes
Herbicides and weed killers	No	No	No	Yes
Batteries – Alkaline, NiCad Lithium	No	Yes+	No	Yes
Paints - reusable	No	No	Yes ¹	Yes (maximum 20L per container and 100L per customer)
Paints - unusable	No	No	Yes ¹	Yes (maximum 20L per container and 100L per customer)
Fibre glass resins	No	No	Yes ¹	Yes
Ink cartridges**	No	No	Yes (only if empty)	Yes
Empty gas bottles	No	Yes (maximum of 6 bottles of up to 9 kg)	No	Yes (maximum of 6 bottles of up to 9 kg)
Swimming pool chemicals	No	No	No	Yes
Photographic chemicals	No	No	No	Yes
Smoke detectors	No	No	Yes	Yes
Fire extinguishers	No	No	No	Yes
Compact fluorescent light bulbs	No	No	Yes ¹	Yes
Unidentified Chemicals	No	No	Yes ¹	Yes
Asbestos	No	No	No	No
Explosives, ammunition and flares	No	No	No	No

* Sewer - after mixing the chemical with lots of water, you can put small quantities of these products down the drain (through your toilet or sink). Never put these chemicals into septic tanks or down stormwater drains because they will harm the environment.

¹ rubbish bin - you can only put small amounts of household hazardous waste in your rubbish bin. Small amounts of liquid, such as paint, can be dried and solidified by adding a material to soak up the liquid such as kitty litter, soil or grass clippings. Alternatively, pour liquids onto newspaper and cover them with absorbent material. You can place empty paint tins with minimal paint residue in the scrap metal bin at waste transfer stations.

** ink cartridges - recycle your ink cartridges through drop-off points coordinated by Planet Ark. Printer cartridges are made up of many different materials including plastic, metal, foam, ink and toner, and using a collection point helps ensure any recoverable materials are not sent to landfill. Find your nearest collection point by selecting 'Where to Recycle' on the [Planet Ark cartridges webpage](#).

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