

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING  
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

There are household items that the Borough is not permitted to collect. Typically, item labels that contain the words **HAZARDOUS, DANGER, WARNING, POISONOUS and/or TOXIC** contain hazardous material.

**These items include, but are not limited to:**

Oil-based paint	
Paint thinner	
Varnish	Fungicides
Kerosene	Pesticides
Gasoline	Items containing Mercury
Motor oil	Propane tanks weighing less than 20 lbs.
Antifreeze	Ni-Cad, Lithium, Rechargeable & Lead Acid batteries
Weed killers	Rechargeable & Lead Acid batteries
Tires	Cell phones
Appliances containing Freon	

**DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Improperly disposed hazardous household waste can pollute the groundwater, surface water and the air we breathe. It can also harm children, pets and sanitation workers. Listed below are ways you can dispose of hazardous household waste in a responsible manner:

- Use what you have by giving your wall another coat of paint or touch up the room or stairways where fingerprints are sure to gather.
- Share leftovers with friends, neighbors and family.
- Take motor oil, antifreeze, tires and car batteries to a service station that accepts them.
- CFLs can be recycled at the Public Works Building or at most Lowes or Home Depot stores.
- Appliances containing Freon will need to have the Freon removed by a certified removal technician. The removal certificate must accompany the appliance to the landfill. Be sure to have the certificate when you request a pick-up.
- The Berks County Recycling Center and many stores will take your Ni-Cad, rechargeable and Lithium batteries for recycling.
- The Berks County Recycling Center Web site has information on how to recycle hazardous waste properly and a list of recycling centers and collection dates: [www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/SWA/Recycle](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/SWA/Recycle)
- To dispose of latex paint safely, simply open the lid and let the latex paint air dry. Leave the lids off when placing out with your regular trash. In the event that you have too much paint and it will not harden use the following method:

- Get two cardboard boxes.
- Line one box with an outside trash bag.
- Place kitty litter in the trash bag.
- Dump all latex paint into the trash bag containing the kitty litter.
- Stir. If it still seems “runny,” add more kitty litter or shredded newspaper to the mix until it solidifies.
- Put the empty cans of paint in the second box, placing the pints inside the quarts and the quarts inside the gallons. **ALL LIDS MUST REMAIN OFF THE CANS.**
- Pace both boxes out with your regular trash.