

Waste Management

Waste management decisions are a local responsibility. The County of Huron is committed to managing waste in a sustainable and practical manner; while building a cleaner community and healthy environment.

Solid waste can be dangerous to our community. There is the potential for garbage dumps to pollute surrounding watersheds, or incinerators to pollute downwind airsheds. Leadership in how residents can better manage solid waste is provided by the Planning and Development Department.

Solid Waste (Landfills)

The County of Huron's role in waste management is governed by By-law 14-2001 which establishes how the County and local municipalities plan and operate waste management facilities. Huron County facilitates the optimization of existing landfill capacity for the long-term needs of the county, and local municipalities own and operate the landfill sites.

Household Hazardous Waste

It is important to dispose of garbage properly, especially those household products which have poisonous, combustible, explosive or flammable properties.

Keeping hazardous materials out of landfill sites protects groundwater, conserves resources through recycling, and saves landfill capacity. To divert household hazardous waste from entering landfills, the County operates a permanent year-round household hazardous waste depot.

All County residents are encouraged to safely store their household hazardous waste and deliver these materials to this depot. *No PCB's, commercial, infectious or radioactive wastes will be accepted.*

IN EVERY HOME THERE ARE PRODUCTS THAT NEED SPECIAL CARE. YOU'LL RECOGNIZE THEM BY THESE WARNING SIGNS.

 TOXIC Cleaning Fluids Rat poison Pesticides	 CORROSIVE Battery acids Drain Cleaners Oven Cleaners
 REACTIVE Pool chemicals Ammonia Bleach	 FLAMMABLE Gasoline BBQ starter Solvents

Mid-Huron Landfill Site,
Location: Holmesville
 37506A Huron Road

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Hours: Saturday: 8:00 AM - Noon
 Closed Holidays and Sundays

FREE to ALL Huron County Residents

For more information contact the County at 519.524.8394, extension 3.

Get Rid of your Household Hazardous Waste



Remember to follow the **BUD** rule:
Buy only what you need
Use it up
Dispose of what's left responsibly

Now is your chance to clean out your shed/garage/basement and remove potentially dangerous wastes and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner, at **NO COST**.

ACCEPTED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE INCLUDES:

- Acids and Alkalines
- Batteries (Wet and Dry Cell)
- Fertilizer
- Florescent Bulbs and Compact Florescent Bulbs
- Household Cleaners and Detergents
- Lawn and Garden Chemicals
- Mercury Switches and Thermostats
- Miscellaneous Organic Waste Chemicals
- Miscellaneous Waste Inorganic Chemicals
- Motor Oil and other Automotive Fluids
- Other Inorganic Sludges, Slurries or Solids
- Paints, Pigments and Coatings
- Paints, Stains and related Solvents/Acids and Chemical Strippers
- Petroleum Distillates
- Prescription Medicines
- Syringes and Sharps
- Waste Compressed Gas including Cylinders
- Waxes and Polishes

Hazardous Waste should remain in its original container!

Septage Treatment

Septage is waste content (liquids and solids) found in a septic tank. Septic tanks are used throughout the county by those residential, commercial and industrial properties which are not serviced by sanitary sewers.

Septage is raw and untreated and must be disposed of by licenced haulers. Septic tanks are pumped on a regular basis, typically every 3 to 5 years, by licenced haulers and septage is generally spread on land certified to receive septage.

Ontario's Ministry of the Environment is committed to phase-out land application of untreated septage. In response to this proposal, the County has commissioned a study on the options for

treatment. The study is undergoing a Class Environmental Assessment for the proposed solution of septage pretreatment facilities at two municipal sewage treatment facilities in the County.

Additional information on septage may be found on the [Ministry of the Environment's Septage fact sheet](#).

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