



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FACILITIES

FACILITY PROCEDURES

Once household hazardous materials arrive at the facility, they go through an initial sort to determine hazard class and whether or not they are reusable.

Typically, these include materials that are at least half full and in the original packaging. Paints of similar color are mixed together and packaged in five-gallon buckets. These materials are placed in the Exchange Facility, which allows residents to take these items free of charge.

Materials that cannot be reused are further sorted into the following Department of Transportation Hazard Classes: Flammable Gases, Non-Flammable Gases, Poison Gases, Flammable Liquids, Flammable Solids, Spontaneously Combustible, Dangerous When Wet, Oxidizers, Organic Peroxides, Poisonous Solids/Liquids, Corrosive Acids, Corrosive Bases and Other Regulated Materials.

Flammables are stored in a Haz-Stor to ensure the safety of employees and customers. When ready for shipment, materials are lab packed or bulked and shipped off to Pollution Control Industries in East Chicago, Indiana.

Flammables, oil-based paints and flammable aerosols are bulked into 55-gallon drums and shipped off to be used for fuel blending.

All other materials are lab-packed according to their Department of Transportation hazard class. When this material is shipped off, it is either incinerated or recycled.