

Fact Sheet 3

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS



A program of Des Moines County Regional Solid Waste Commission and Great River Regional Waste Authority.

Are My Household Cleaning Products Hazardous?



Read the labels carefully and look for the following words or phrases:

- DANGER
- KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN
- WARNING
- TOXIC
- CAUTION
- FLAMMABLE OR IGNITABLE
- HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED
- CORROSIVE
- AVOID SKIN CONTACT
- POISON

MANAGEMENT OF HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS

- Read labels before purchasing and avoid buying hazardous products whenever possible;
- Buy only the amount you'll be able to use;
- Read and follow all label directions for use of the product and disposal of the empty container;
- Don't mix chemicals;
- Never discard chemicals on the ground or in a septic system;
- Use up the product whenever possible, or give to a friend or neighbor who can use it.

DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS CLEANERS/CHEMICALS

- The following products can be flushed down the drain with plenty of running water (NOTE: If you have a septic tank, check the product label first to be sure it won't harm your tank):
 - Ammonia-based cleaners
 - Tub and tile cleaners
 - Drain cleaner
 - Toilet bowl cleaners
 - Window cleaner
- If any of the words or phrases listed at the top of this page appear on the label, the product is considered hazardous and should be brought to the HazChem Center (see other side for directions).