



**EVENT ADVISORY**  
**Household Hazardous Waste Event on October 8**

**WHAT:** Household Hazardous Waste Event

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 8, 2022 8:00am to Noon

**WHERE:** Steamboat Springs Middle School Parking Lot

**WHAT:** This event is for household hazardous waste including:

- Paint: PaintCare programs are funded by a fee (referred to as the PaintCare fee) which is applied to the purchase price of new paint sold in the state. There is no charge for dropping off paint at a PaintCare drop-off site.
- Poisons or toxic materials such as pesticides, fertilizers, or mercury Paint
- Aerosol containers such as spray paint, insect killer, carburetor cleaners, hair spray Pesticides
- Flammable materials such as gasoline, kerosene, roofing tar, lighter fluid, or acetone Batteries
- Corrosive materials including acids, Drain-O, deck wash, lye, or caustic cleaners
- Oxidizers or reactives such as bleach/chlorine, or swimming pool chemicals
- Most household cleaners (unless otherwise labeled), dry wall mud, and caulk are okay to throw in the trash

- Please note that this event **will not** recycle other products such as mattresses, electronics, etc. The Yampa Valley Sustainability Council operates the Recycle Depot just west of downtown Steamboat Springs that takes hard-to-recycle items.

**HOW:** Drive through. Refer to map

**WHY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considers some leftover household products that can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances, or that are corrosive or toxic as household hazardous waste. Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides can contain hazardous ingredients and require special care when you dispose of them. To avoid the potential risks associated with household hazardous wastes, it is important that people always monitor the use, storage, and disposal of products with potentially hazardous substances in their homes. Improper disposal of HHW can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the regular trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. Certain types of HHW have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers, contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets. They can also present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

**CONTACT:** If people have questions please call or email the Routt County Department of Environmental Health

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