



Curbside, Inc. Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste Program



1-800-449-7587

Arapahoe County has a contract with Curbside, Inc. for their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program. Curbside, Inc. offers a standard door-to-door HHW collection program for the proper disposal and recycling of leftover household hazardous materials for residents of unincorporated Arapahoe County. The City of Centennial also participates in this program. With a professional collection like Curbside, the County and City can work towards maximizing the recycling of HHW. For example, all small batteries collected, including rechargeable, one-time-use, hearing aid and watch batteries, are actually recycled into new materials, with some of the metals used to make new batteries. Small battery collection by Curbside is a true recycling program, where none of the batteries are landfilled.

The Curbside Program works as follows: Residents call a toll-free hotline (800-449-7587) operated by Curbside to schedule a collection. The operator will qualify the caller (this program is open to unincorporated Arapahoe County and City of Centennial residents only), determine the types and quantities of acceptable material the resident has for collection, and schedule a collection date and time. Curbside is capable of collecting nearly all types of HHW, including used motor oil, used oil filters, antifreeze, paint, household and auto batteries, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, acids, photo chemicals and household chemicals, and can discuss proper disposal of non-acceptable items during the hotline call. Prior to collection day, Curbside, Inc. sends participants a HHW kit with instructions and a collection bag. On collection day, residents are instructed to place the kit with HHW in a safe location outside their home for pick up. The resident does not need to be home for the collection activity. The co-payment for this program is \$20.00. Arapahoe County picks up the remainder of the costs, about \$87 per household collection.

The kit contains information on what materials are accepted for collection and those that are not. Unknown materials are identified by a special team and collected at a later date, often without additional charge. Much of the waste collected is recycled in some manner, and the recycling hierarchy is followed to the greatest extent possible. What is not recycled is usually destructively incinerated.

So when you do your annual cleaning, be sure and segregate your HHW and give Curbside, Inc. a call to come pick it up. Other counties have voluntary programs in which people will deliver the HHW to a collection point, typically called a "Round Up Day". It has been the experience of both the Sheriff's Office and the Stormwater Group that participation is greater when a pick-up program is offered rather than a collection site, the transport of the wastes is safer, and the collection is more efficient and cost-effective. We urge you to utilize this service when you have identified HHW items to be disposed.



Additional general resources on household hazardous wastes and recycling opportunities include www.earth911.org and www.obviously.com/recycle/. **Earth 911** lists by state and county HHW facilities, collection details and collection event information. **Obviously.com** provides a recycling guide that provides a starting point for consumers in the USA and Canada searching the net for recycling information. The information is for regular folks with regular household quantities of materials to recycle. The goal is to help make recycling so easy and automatic that it blends into the flow of everyday life.