

SOCRRA

Community Partners in Recycling & Waste



Special Household Waste Program

Available to residents of: BERKLEY, BEVERLY HILLS, BIRMINGHAM, CLAWSON, FERNDAL, HAZEL PARK, HUNTINGTON WOODS, LATHRUP VILLAGE, OAK PARK, PLEASANT RIDGE, ROYAL OAK AND TROY

By APPOINTMENT ONLY

Call 248 288-5153 • Monday-Friday 9am - 4pm

What is SPECIAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE?

Many common household products can pose a hazard to human health, groundwater and the environment if they are not handled properly for disposal. Placing items such as paint, automotive products, car batteries, pesticides and more in our trash is **NOT** the most environmentally sound way to get rid of them. *Using up the product completely and correctly is the preferred alternative.*

This **Special Household Waste** program offers residents a convenient and effective means of disposing of those household waste products which require special handling, processing and disposal. There is no direct charge to you for this service. The community in which you live will be assessed for disposal costs.

See page 2 for the complete list of typical "special household wastes."

What about COMPUTERS and other ELECTRONICS?



Old electronic equipment from homes can also be recycled through this program. SOCRRA accepts computer monitors, CPUs, printers, TVs, radios, telephones, cell phones, copy machines, fax machines, stereos, DVD, VCR and CD players.

To Participate in the SOCRRRA Special Household Waste Management and Disposal Program

Please be certain that when you are transporting containers of special household waste materials, the containers are adequately sealed to prevent accidental spills. This may require the use of a box or other container to assure proper safety. Place your box, bag or other container in the trunk of your vehicle to prevent spillage in case of sudden stops. Also, each item must be **clearly labeled** as to content.

Once you arrive at the SOCRRA facility, a directional sign will guide you, with SOCRRA personnel to assist you.

Notes:

1. Per Federal/State environmental law, we cannot accept waste from businesses.
2. For safety reasons, your container cannot be returned to you – we do no processing on site.
3. You must have an appointment.
4. You must reside in one of our 12 member communities (*see list of cities at top of page*).

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**Acceptable & Unacceptable Waste
All About Latex Paint and more!**

Acceptable Special Household Wastes

• *Special Wastes Should Be In Original Containers and Labeled* •

From Your House

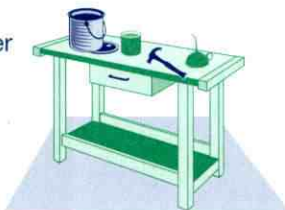
- Aerosols
- Batteries
- Bug Sprays
- Chlorine Bleach
- Dyes
- Electronic Equipment (computers, TVs, radios, phones, etc.)
- Floor Care Products
- Floor Wax
- Light Bulbs (Fluorescent & CFL)
[Compact Fluorescent-Curly]
- Furniture Polish
- Medicines (expired)
- Oven Cleaners
- Spray Dust Cleaners
- Scouring Powders
- Syringes
- Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Spot & Stain Removers
- Toilet Cleaners
- Upholstery & Carpet Cleaners



From Your Workshop

- Alcohols
- Creosote
- Cutting Oil
- Glues
- Mineral Spirits
- Naptha
- Paint Brush Cleaners
- Polyurethane Coatings
- Rust Remover
- Turpentine
- Wood Stains & Preservatives

- Paints:
- Automobile
 - Model
 - Oil & Latex
 - Primer
 - Stripper



From Your Garden

- Algicides
- Ant & Roach Powder
- Bug Sprays, Sticks & Creams
- Fertilizer
- Fly Strips
- Fungicides
- Garden Dusts & Sprays
- Herbicides
- Insecticides & Pesticides
- Rat & Rodent Poison
- Weed Killer



From Your Garage

- Antifreeze
- Auto Batteries or Battery Acid
- Brake Fluid
- Car Wax with Solvents
- Diesel Fuel & Gasoline
- Engine Cleaners
- Fuel Oil
- Gas & Diesel Additives
- Kerosene
- Metal Polishes
- Motor Oil & Additives
- Oil Filters
- Transmission Fluid & Additives



Miscellaneous

- Artists' Paints & Mediums
- Dry Cleaning Solvents
- Fiberglass Epoxy
- Gun Cleaning Solvents
- Lighter Fluid
- Moth Balls & Flakes

Unacceptable Special Waste!

Some types or quantities of special wastes are unacceptable. If your household contains any of these materials and you wish to dispose of them, please secure a contractor from the Yellow Pages, under the "**Hazardous Waste Disposal**" heading.

- ▶ Unlabeled wastes or containers with unknown contents
- ▶ Waste generated by a business or industry
- ▶ Radioactive materials
- ▶ Explosives or shock-sensitive materials
- ▶ More than 20 gallons of any material
- ▶ Waste from cleanups or spills
- ▶ More than 80 pounds of electronics



LATEX PAINT



While you can always make an appointment to bring latex paint to SOCRRA, it is preferred that **LATEX** paint, (not OIL-BASED) be dried and placed in your regular trash for disposal.



1. Dry the latex paint in a well ventilated area, away from children and pets.
2. Add Absorbent material such as kitty litter or sawdust to help absorb the moisture.
3. The dried paint can be placed in your regular trash.
4. The empty container can be placed in the recycling bin with the lid off.

Remember these steps too!

- ◆ Buy only what you need... ask the paint stores, they are the experts!
- ◆ Store it properly, so it doesn't dry out... cover the opening with plastic wrap and fit the lid securely on, so the paint doesn't leak. Store the can **UPSIDE DOWN**. This helps to keep the paint fresh until you need it again.
- ◆ Use it all up!
- ◆ Try to donate the unused paint. Local theater groups, schools and churches are good places to start.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

A CFL bulb is a type of light bulb that screws into a standard light socket, such as a lamp or ceiling light fixture. CFLs use much less energy and last up to 10 times longer than standard light bulbs.

A CFL bulb is made of glass, a ceramic and metal base, a powder called phosphor, and a small amount of mercury.

The amount of mercury in a CFL bulb is very, very small. The mercury in the bulb is in the form of an invisible vapor or a mercury bead. The bead is about the size of the period at the end of this

sentence. A mercury fever thermometer has about 100 times more mercury than a CFL bulb.

The best way to get rid of unbroken bulbs is to recycle them through SOCRRA. If you need to throw a CFL bulb out, seal it in two plastic bags, one inside the other and throw it in the outside trash. **Never burn a CFL bulb.**

What's the Best Way to DISPOSE OF OLD MEDICINE?

Throw it in the trash? NO!
Flush it down the toilet? NO!

Don't take a chance on contaminating the ground water, drinking water, etc.

Empty all of your unused/expired medicine into an unmarked Ziploc bag and call SOCRRA's HHW appointment center at 248.288.5153 to make sure it is disposed of correctly.

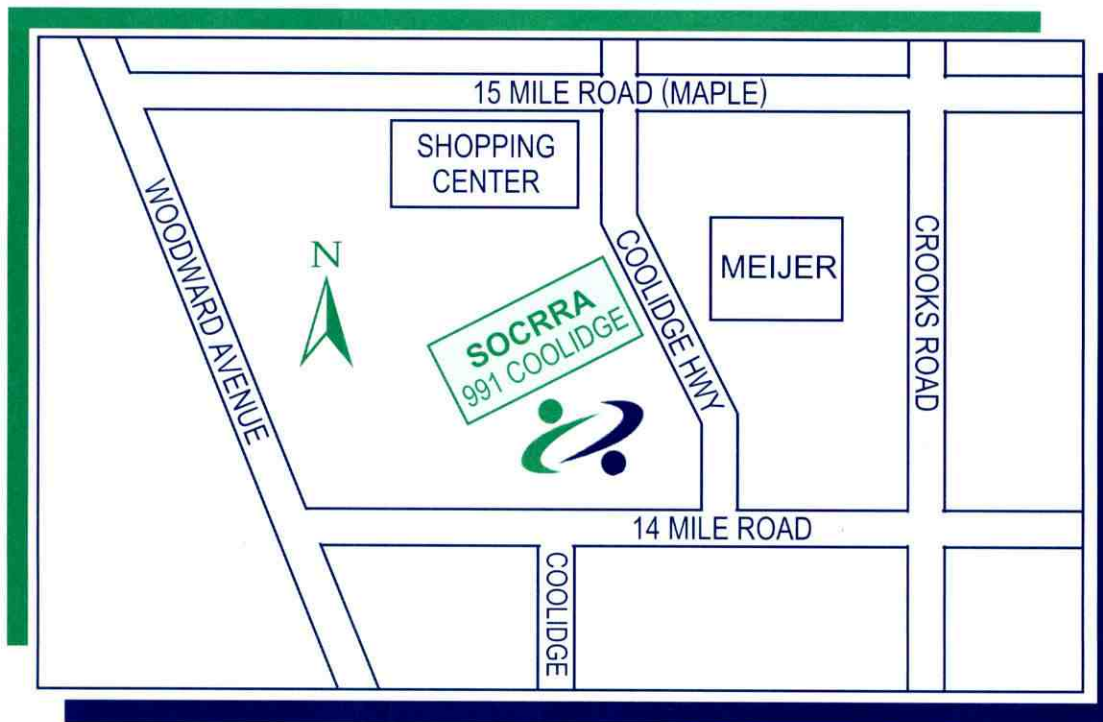
You can also strip the prescription label off the bottle and place the empty bottles in your recycling bin!

Prescriptions that are controlled substances (narcotics) are not accepted. Contact your pharmacy or local law enforcement agency for disposal information.



Helpful Hints

- ✔ Always read labels carefully before buying and using hazardous products. Be aware of their uses and dangers. If directions are unclear, contact the manufacturer before using.
- ✔ Buy alternative household products which are not toxic. Look for “non-toxic” on label.
- ✔ Keep unused portions in their original containers with labels intact and readable. Knowing the contents could be a lifesaver in case of accidental poisonings.
- ✔ Store hazardous materials in a place inaccessible to children and pets.
- ✔ Reduce your waste and save money by purchasing only materials you need and will use.
- ✔ Avoid mixing different products. This can cause explosive or poisonous chemical reactions.
- ✔ Always use hazardous products in well ventilated areas. Wear protective gloves when warranted. Many hazardous products have dangerous fumes that can burn your skin or irritate your eyes, nose and throat.
- ✔ Look up the phone number of the poison control center and place it near or on your phone in case of actual or suspected poisonings.



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