

# McCourtney Road Household Hazardous Waste Facility

## Hours of Operation:

All Hazardous Waste; Friday – Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

E-Waste & Universal Waste Only - Wednesday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\*Commercial Customer Hours for Household Hazardous Waste Facility:

Appointment required. Please call (530) 274-0120.

## Dispose of Your Household Hazardous Waste Safely

### Tips to Transport Household Hazardous Waste

- Transport liquids in spill-proof, leak-proof containers.
- Keep hazardous products in their original containers whenever possible, with label securely attached and readable.
- Never mix chemicals together!
- Stay in vehicle while at facility; no smoking, please.
- Keep in mind NO containers will be returned to you.
- For your safety, transport the waste in your trunk or the back of a pick-up, away from the passenger area. Make items easily accessible for our employees to remove from your vehicle.

### Reminders:

State law prohibits transporting more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous materials. Households should be the only individuals hauling waste, all others must call for an appointment. Households accepted Friday thru Sunday from 8 - 3:30 pm.

\*\* Limit per visit is 15 gallons or 125 pounds.

### What's Accepted

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|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| • aerosol cans (non empty) | • disinfectants | • pesticides     |
| • all-purpose cleaners     | • drain opener  | • poisons        |
| • anti-freeze              | • herbicides    | • pool chemicals |
| • ammonia                  | • insecticides  | • rubber cement  |
| • automotive chemicals     | • motor oil     | • rug cleaner    |
| • batteries                | • oil filters   | • silver polish  |
| • brake fluid              | • oven cleaner  | • solvents       |

- chlorine bleach
- cooking oil
- furniture polish
- gasoline
- paints - oil based & latex
- paint-related solvents
- partially full aerosol cans
- toilet bowl cleaner
- tub/tile cleaner
- unlabeled paint  
and much more

#### What's NOT Accepted

- ammunition
- asbestos
- biohazards
- compressed gas cylinders (except propane)
- explosives
- radioactive materials
- treated wood waste
- medications

REUSE AREA – located at the HHW facility

Paint, cleaners, Automotive products, and more available for FREE. Many products are brought to the Household Hazardous Waste facility located at the McCourtney Road Transfer Station and now some of these items are being offered in the Reuse store Friday to Sunday from 8-3:30pm at the HHW Facility. Inventory will vary.

Prescription Drugs, Over-the-Counter Medicines & Pet Care Products

- Some pharmacies take back medications from their customers. Be sure to ask.
- Only prescription drugs accepted at the Grass Valley Police Department 24/7. Drop box is located in the lobby. LEAVE in original container but cross out your name.
- All Non-Regulated drugs accepted at Kmart, Save Mart, and Rite Aide Pharmacies during regular business hours.

Home-Generated Sharps

- Sharps include needles, syringes, pen needles & lancets.
- It is illegal to put these items in the trash or recycling. By law they must be transported in approved biohazard sharps containers, which are sold at pharmacies.
- Accepted (only in approved biohazard containers) at the McCourtney Road Transfer Station Household Hazardous Waste Facility, Kmart, and Rite Aide Pharmacies during regular business hours.

Mercury is banned from the Trash

These products are banned from the trash\*\*

- Common batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, Cells, & button batteries)
- Fluorescent tubes & bulbs, and mercury-containing lamps

- Electrical switches and relays
- Pilot light sensors & thermostats
- Mercury gauges – barometers, manometers, blood pressure & vacuum gauges, & mercury thermometers
- Novelties with mercury added– includes musical greeting cards, athletic shoes with flashing lights & mercury maze games

\*These are accepted at the McCourtney Road Transfer Station Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

For Households :

- McCourtney Road Transfer Station Hazardous Waste Facility
- Washington Transfer Station - Batteries, fluorescent lights, used oil and filters only.
- North San Juan Transfer Station - Batteries, fluorescent lights, used oil and filters only

\* Drop-off during business hours only. McCourtney Road HHW drop off Friday - Sunday 8 - 3:30 pm only.

\* Business lighting not accepted at the above locations. Business can make an appt for Disposal by calling 530-274-0120

For Businesses

Businesses can use prepaid mailing containers from lamp recyclers or contact a hauler for pickup. Appt can also be made for McCourtney Rd transfer station HHW by calling 530-274-0120. Following is a partial list:

Mailing Containers:

- [wmlamptracker.com](http://wmlamptracker.com)
- [recyclekit.com](http://recyclekit.com)
- [Lamprecycling.com](http://Lamprecycling.com)

Haulers:

- Lamptracker ..... 800.664.1434
- Philip Services Corporation ....707.748.3040
- Asbury Environmental ..... 800.727.2879
- or visit: [earth911.org](http://earth911.org) for more information and for a list of additional vendors such as, AERC, Veolia, Clean Harbors, etc.

Cleaning Up Broken Fluorescent Lamps

In the event of breakage, please follow these steps to minimize the risk of mercury exposure.

1. Disperse the mercury vapor by opening windows or doors.
2. Leave the area for 15 minutes to avoid inhaling mercury vapors.
3. DO NOT VACUUM OR USE A BROOM AS DUST WILL BECOME AIRBORNE.
4. Wear rubber gloves and use cardboard to scoop up broken glass and powder.
5. Thoroughly wipe down area with a damp cloth or paper towel.
6. Put all waste in a sealable bag, glass jar, or pail with a tight fitting lid.
7. If you must vacuum the debris, only vacuum after cleaning up as much debris as possible.
8. Recycle at McCourtney Road Transfer Station.

#### Light Emitting Diodes (LED)

- Contains no mercury thus safer for the environment
- Last longer (50,000 hours)
- Uses 85% less energy than incandescent bulbs
- Uses 50% less energy than fluorescent bulbs
- Over the lifetime of one 12-watt LED bulb (equal to a 65 watt incandescent), save \$265 or more on your electric bill.