

What is accepted at UnderTheSink?

- > Automotive batteries & products (e.g., motor oil)
- > Paint, stain, and varnish
- > Syringes/lancets to control medical symptoms (placed in a sealed plastic bottle)
- > Pesticides
- > Garden chemicals
- > Rechargeable batteries
- > Poisons for pests
- > Cleaning products
- > Fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs & tubes)
- > For a complete list, visit UnderTheSink.org.



Unsure if your waste will be accepted? Call 402-444-7465 prior to visiting the facility.

Which materials are NOT accepted?

- > Waste generated by businesses
- > Ammunition/explosives
- > Appliances & electronics
- > Asbestos
- > Carpet pad
- > Infectious waste
- > Medications
- > Propane tanks (20 pounds or larger)
- > Radioactive material
- > Single-use/non-rechargeable batteries
- > Smoke detectors
- > Tires
- > Wood

This is not a complete list.

What happens to the materials you drop off?

The majority of the chemicals dropped off at UnderTheSink are either recycled or reused. While you're there, check out the ReStore located inside. It's stocked with reclaimed products for Douglas & Sarpy County residents to use at no cost!



MAJORITY RECYCLED OR REUSED!



Not sure what to do with your item that isn't accepted at UnderTheSink? Check out Keep Omaha Beautiful's Recycling and Reuse Guide: TinyURL.com/RecycleReuseGuide



Disposing of Household Chemicals



Keep your family safe by dropping off leftover household chemicals for free at UnderTheSink!

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UnderTheSink does **NOT** accept **EMPTY CONTAINERS** that previously held HHW. After triple rinsing **EMPTY CONTAINERS**, you can place them in your curbside recycling bin or take them to a recycling drop-off center.

What is household hazardous waste (HHW)?

Many household products contain chemicals that can be hazardous to you, your family, and the environment if not handled properly.

These items are considered **household hazardous waste (HHW)** and are usually labeled with words like **caution, warning, danger, poison, flammable, volatile, caustic, or corrosive.**

Common HHW products include cleaners, paints, automotive products, pesticides, and garden products.



Where & when is HHW collected?

UnderTheSink is a special facility that has trained technicians on site to collect HHW for appropriate disposal and recycling. It is open year-round according to the following schedule:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:45p.m.

Saturday by appointment only

Hours are subject to change and residents are always encouraged to call prior to visiting the facility.

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UnderTheSink accepts HHW at no cost from Douglas & Sarpy County residents. The facility is located at 4001 South 120th Street.

Preparing to use UnderTheSink?

Follow these recommendations when packaging and transporting your items:

- › **Use Original Containers.**
- › **Clearly Label.** Add a handwritten label to unmarked containers with the name of the product if known.
- › **Tighten Lids.** If missing a lid, pour the chemical into a replacement container made out of the same material as the original package (e.g., metal or plastic) and label it with the name of the product. Attach the empty, original container to the replacement container.
- › **Place in a Box.** Ensure containers remain upright in a box and line it with plastic or newspaper.
- › **Prevent Leaks.** Put leaking or damaged containers inside a heavy plastic bag (one bag per leaky container). Then place bags in a plastic bucket or tub.
- › **Do Not Mix.** Combining chemicals is dangerous.
- › **Go Directly to the Facility.** Do not leave HHW in your vehicle while completing other errands.



IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THESE STEPS CAREFULLY, YOUR PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE FACILITY.



The best way to avoid HHW is to use products with minimal or no toxic chemicals. Check out the EPA's Safer Choice program for more details about alternatives at [EPA.gov/saferchoice](https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice).

You've arrived at UnderTheSink, now what?

- 1** At the facility, follow the directional signs and park under the yellow canopy.
- 2** For safety reasons, **DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE.** Wait for a staff member to assist you.
- 3** Complete a brief form while staff unload the chemicals from your vehicle. You may be asked to show proof of residence.

