



Property Management

As a property manager, you may be responsible for a variety of hazardous wastes left behind by tenants or contractors.

Managing your properties also requires managing any dangerous wastes on the premises to avoid potential risks to people and the environment.

Cleaning Supplies and Disinfectants

If you find unused cleaners, detergents or disinfectants:

- Try to find a use for them
- Do not put them down a storm drain or dump them on the ground
- Take them to the Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Station

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/477/Hazardous-Waste>

Pressure Washing

Pressure wash water may contain sediments, chemicals or hazardous waste. When pressure washing, block the storm drain entirely, collect the water and divert it to a landscaped area for infiltration or send it to a sewer system, with permission from your sewer authority.

Leftover Paint

Use leftover paint for touchups, primers or undercoats. If you can't use it, give it to someone who can; some nonprofits may use the paint. Latex paint must be solidified before it is put in the garbage. Oil-based paints, stains, and thinners are usually hazardous waste and should be taken to the Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Station.

Landscaping

When applying fertilizers, make sure that excess does not spill onto the sidewalk or street. Rainwater can carry pesticides and fertilizers off lawns and into storm drains, and then into streams or lakes. Even small amounts of fertilizers and pesticides can harm fish.

Car Wash Water

Water entering storm drains goes directly through pipes to local waterways. Dirty car wash water often contains oil, grease, and toxic metals. Soapy water and the chemicals in many detergents are harmful to fish and other aquatic life. Encourage your residents to take their cars to a commercial car wash.

Fats, Oils and Greases

Fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.) from food preparation can build up in sewer pipes and cause costly blockages and sewage overflows. Pour F.O.G. waste into a covered disposable container—such as glass or a sturdy Ziploc bag. Store it in the freezer, and then put in the trash after it has hardened.

Used Oil

Used oil is insoluble and can be laced with toxic chemicals and heavy metals. Avoid letting tenants change their oil in the parking lot. Store used oil in containers clearly marked "Used Oil," and dispose of it at a used oil collection center. Ensure spill clean-up materials are available, in case of a spill.



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