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Hazardous or Special Waste (HSW) Mobile Events

The OVWRC is holding HSW Mobile Events for the residents of its [partner municipalities](#) to properly dispose of hazardous or special waste. These [mobile events](#) are held in 4 different locations throughout the summer to provide a convenient way to help keep the environment free of hazardous or special waste. Attendants will unload the hazardous material and dispose of it safely **at no charge**.

Some examples of hazardous or special waste include motor oil, turpentine, brake fluid, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals, insecticides, stains, wood preservatives, barbecue starters, propane tanks, oven cleaners, disinfectants, herbicides, fungicides, furniture stripper, gasoline and window cleaner.

Residential hazardous waste can also be disposed of at the OVWRC's HSW Depot located at 1076 Woito Station Road, Pembroke; open Monday to Saturday from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. There is no charge for this service.

Paint Swap

Building a playhouse for the kids? Does your garage need some paint? Want to spruce up the cottage or camp? If you need just a small amount of paint and of **no particular color** you may be able to find it at our Hazardous or Special Waste Depot's Paint Swap. We set aside usable paint for residents to pick-up **Free of Charge**. Available during [HSW Depot](#) hours: Monday to Saturday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Please note: The Paint Swap is subject to paint availability. OVWRC makes no guarantees on paint quality. You will be required to sign a waiver.

Do You Know Where it Goes?

Some materials make us think twice before we throw them away. Is it Recyclable? Can it be Composted? Or is it Garbage?

Plastic Food Wrap & Food Storage Bags

Plastic food wrap and plastic food storage bags are not recyclable and must be placed in regular garbage; use reusable containers instead.

Take-out Pizza Boxes

Cardboard take-out pizza boxes that are covered in cheese, pizza sauce and grease are to be placed in your Green Cart. Other dirty or soiled paper products are to be placed in your Green Cart not with paper recycling.

Free Up Your Time - GRASSCYCLE

You can save as much as a third of your lawn mowing time by removing your grass catcher and letting grass clippings stay on the lawn. While you relax and save time those grass clippings are hard at work keeping your lawn healthy and green. Properly-mowed grass clippings left on the lawn settle quickly between the growing blades of grass. There, they shelter the roots from the sun and conserve moisture. As clippings break down, they release moisture and nutrients into the soil. Get the OVWRC Fact Sheet on Grasscycling at www.ovwrc.com/grasscycling.htm.