

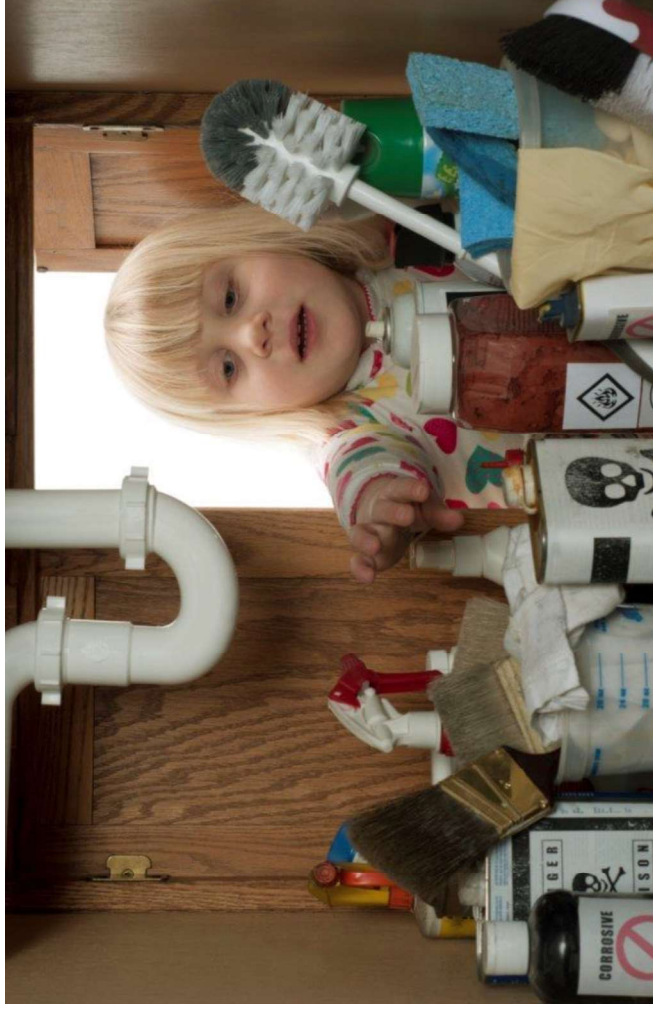
HB 4126 Product Stewardship for Household Hazardous Waste

- What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and why is it a problem?
- Why Product Stewardship for HHW?
- How will the program work?

If residents have no quick & easy way to properly dispose of HHW...



... it may languish in storage...



Or worse...

In 2014 there were more than 300,000 reported exposures to pesticides, cleaning products, solvents, and other chemicals

American Association of Poison Control Centers

Solid waste workers are at risk



Allied Waste driver hospitalized, neighborhood locked down after chemical reaction in truck

Author: [Caitie Neumann](#)
Editor's Note: This story has been updated with information from Republic Services.
Dive Brief:

- Normal collections in a Fremont, CA neighborhood quickly escalated into an emergency situation last week after a driver at Republic Waste of Alameda County, a subsidiary of Republic Services, placed a load containing pool chemicals into the back of his truck. The load started releasing large amounts of chemical smoke, according to SF Gate.

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Improper Hazardous chemical disposal puts recycling facility and sanitation workers at risk

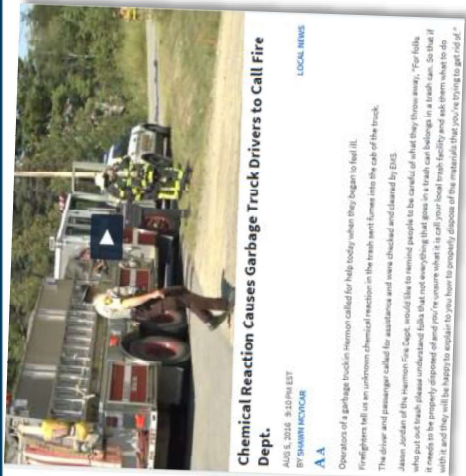
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Source: Milwaukee Dept. of Public Works press release

Old chemicals, gasoline, and propane cylinders should not be put in garbage or recycling carts

With a recent incident involving a garbage truck on the City of Milwaukee's west side and a separate incident of a small fire at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), the City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works (DPW) reminds residents to not dispose of hazardous waste in your garbage or recyclable carts.

Chemicals, gasoline, and propane cylinders pose a very serious health risk to collection crews and MRF staff members. In an incident earlier in May, muriatic acid placed in a resident's garbage cart created a gas, and two DPW Sanitation drivers were taken to the hospital for inhaling the fumes and were later cleared to return home.



Chemical Reaction Causes Garbage Truck Drivers to Call Fire Dept.

Author: [AAGL 2016](#), [AAGL 2016](#)
Editor: [MARIAN KOCZAK](#)
Local News

Operators of a garbage truck in Hemet called for help today when they began to feel ill. Firefighters told us an unknown chemical reaction in the trash went fumes into the cab of the truck. The driver and passenger called for assistance and were checked and cleared by EMS.

Jason Jordan of the Hemet Fire Dept. would like to remind people to be careful of what they throw away. "For jobs like ours, please understand that not everything that goes in a trash can belongs in a trash can. So that if it needs to be and you're unsure what to call your local trash facility and ask them what to do with it and they will be happy to explain to you how to properly dispose of the materials that you've tried to get rid of."

Modern workers suffer chemical burns while collecting garbage in Lewiston

POLICE: Workers sprayed by unknown liquid while collecting garbage.



LEWISTON - Two workers from Modern Disposal suffered apparent chemical burns while picking up garbage Thursday afternoon in Lewiston.

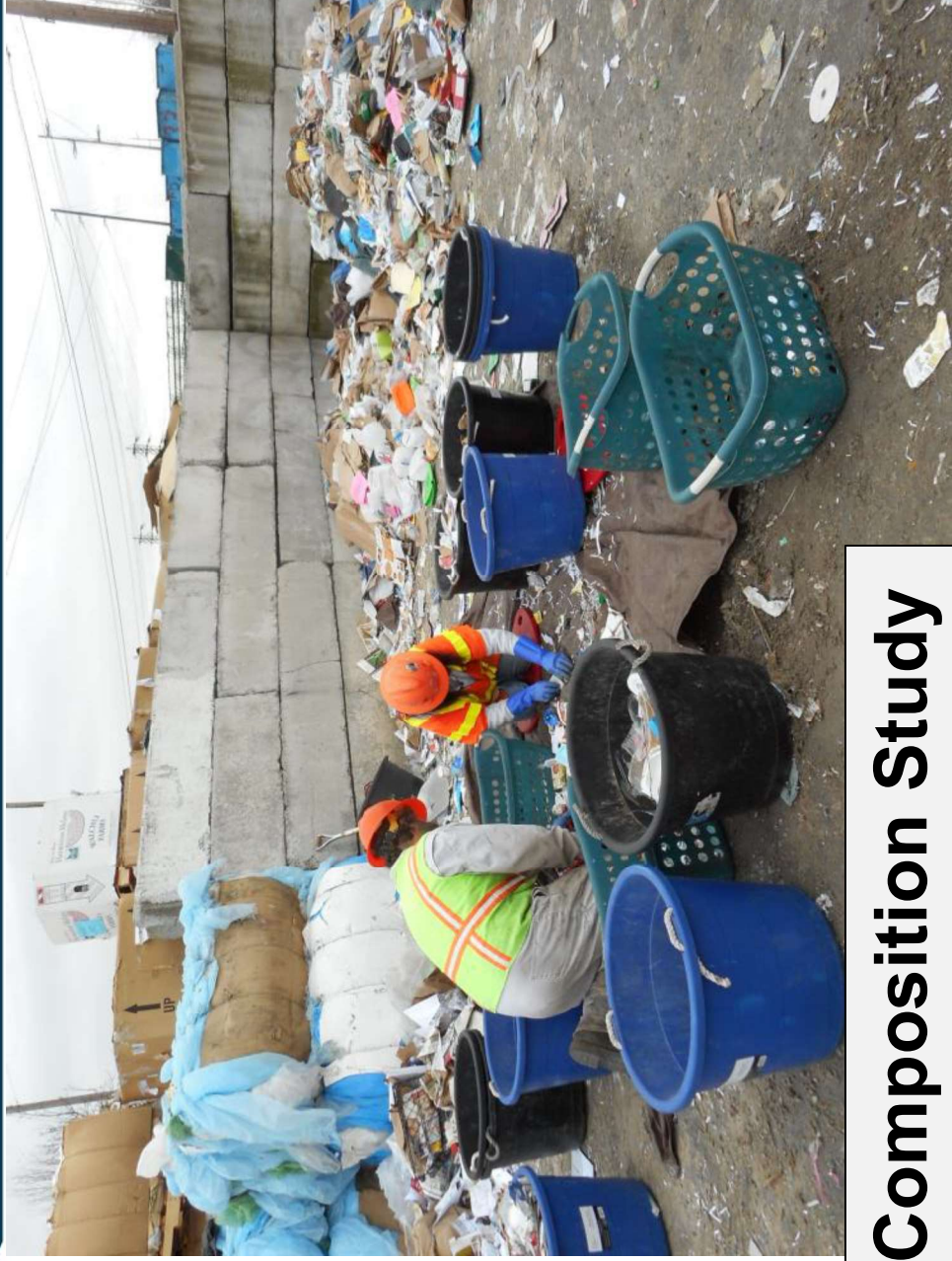
The workers were collecting trash along Lower River Road near Joseph Bates State Park. After placing some trash in the rear of a garbage truck, the workers attempted to compact the debris, according to a Lewiston police official.

As the compacting machinery began to close down on the garbage, it crushed what was described as a "blue bottle" and a liquid sprayed out of the bottle. The workers were hit by the spray and began to feel a burning sensation on their skin.

HHW Collection Events



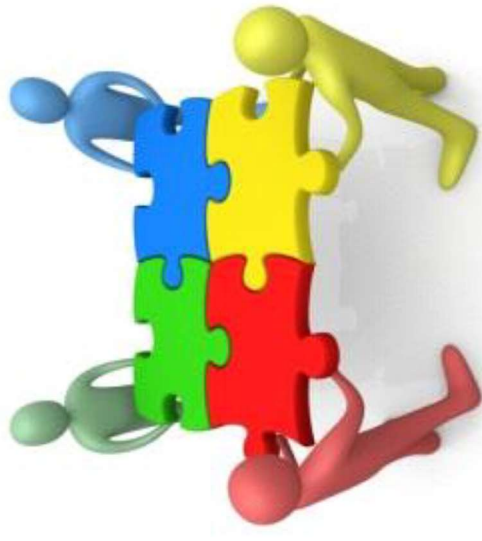
We aren't getting it all



Waste Composition Study

Why Product Stewardship for HHW?

- Public demands to protect health & the environment
- Local governments with DEQ support have been carrying the burden
- Manufacturers have a responsibility to fulfill



Product Stewardship

Product stewardship is providing services statewide in Oregon for e-waste & paint



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E-CYCLES
oregonecycles.org



Product Stewardship

How it works

- Manufacturers that sell products into the state provide a program for its proper end-of life management
- Manufacturers join stewardship organizations to provide that program



Product Stewardship

How it works

- Stewardship organizations write up plans for their programs
 - Local providers (collectors, processors) enlisted as participants in plans
 - Plans describe how they meet convenience & environmental standards
- DEQ reviews and approves those plans

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Scope of Covered Products

- Cover higher hazard, costly to manage products
- Not appropriate to return to retail



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Examples of Covered Products

- Flammable products including solvents
- Home & garden products containing herbicides or pesticides
- Highly corrosive or reactive products like oven cleaners & pool chemicals.



HB 4126 Products *NOT* Covered

Where return to retail a potential option:

- pharmaceuticals
- batteries
- mercury containing products
(thermostats, lamps)
- medical sharps (needles)



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Financing

- Stewardship organizations decide how to raise funds & apportion program costs among its members
- No state approved fees at point of sale (*not like paint*)
- DEQ cost to administer covered by manufacturers

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Performance

- Build on current system
- Ensure environmentally sound management
- Meet convenience standard

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