

# IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION TO SHARE ABOUT CONSERVING RESOURCES AND PREVENTING POLLUTION



## What Are Household Hazardous Wastes?

They include consumer products labeled as:

- Toxic (Pesticides)
- Corrosive (Acids or bases)
- Ignitable (Paints and thinners, gasoline)
- Reactive (Moth balls)

With enough exposure, all of these can cause skin irritation, burns, damage to organs if inhaled, or cancer.



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Chlorine Gas



## How Can We Prevent Pollution?

- Stop creating pollutants by reducing the source.
- Change what you use (alternatives that are less hazardous).
- Change what you do (look at quantity purchased, using the proper amounts and know how you will dispose of unused portions).
- Store and label properly.

## What Can We Do About Environmental Health Hazards in Our Homes and In Our Water?

- Look for excess household hazardous wastes that may contribute to existing or undiagnosed health problems.
- Look for excess household hazardous wastes may that may pose physical hazards. (ie. fire or other reactive hazards).
- Take or ask a family member or neighbor to take household hazardous wastes to the local Regional Collection Center.
- Educate others on importance of managing household hazardous wastes.

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