

STATE RULE ON HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC HEALTH

Culver City-As of February 8, 2006, California's Department of Toxic Substances Control has banned household items containing toxic substances from being thrown in the regular trash.

These items include the following:

- Batteries (automotive & household)
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Items containing mercury (thermostats, thermometers, pilot light sensors)
- Electronic devices (computers, monitors, printers, cables, telephones, televisions, cell phones, radios, stereos, toys)
- Non-empty aerosol cans that contain hazardous materials
- Paints and solvents

Culver City recognizes the importance of protecting the environment and public health for its residents. Culver City's household waste is brought into the City's Transfer Station and then transported out to Puente Hills Landfill. Keeping these items out of the trash will prevent leaching of their toxic components into our air and groundwater. Previously, household trash was exempted from this ban.

Batteries are perhaps the most common household hazardous items that residents throw away in their trash. Old batteries can expose the environment to toxic substances such as lead, mercury, copper, zinc, lithium and strong corrosive acids. To help residents dispose of batteries properly, the City's Sanitation Division has placed battery drop-off bins at the following two locations with plans to establish a third location in the near future:

- Batteries Plus, 5437 South Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232
(Rear of Building)
- Culver City Senior Center, 4095 South Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90232

Residents may only drop-off household batteries at these locations. Automotive and motorcycle batteries can be disposed of at drop-off centers (**S**olvents **A**utomotives **F**lammables **E**lectronics centers) operated by the City of Los Angeles' Bureau of Sanitation, where they can be safely processed and shipped to specialized hazardous waste facilities. In addition to the items mentioned, residents can also bring any kind of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) such as old paint and solvents, used motor oil and other automotive fluids, pool/garden care chemicals, cleaning chemicals, and medicine.

The nearest SAFE Centers to Culver City are the UCLA/West Los Angeles Center located at 550 Charles E. Young Dr. West, Los Angeles, 90095 and the Hyperion Treatment Plant located at 7660 West Imperial Highway, Gate B, Playa Del Rey, 90293.

Additionally, the County of Los Angeles sponsors HHW and E-Waste Round-Up events.

For more information on SAFE Centers in Los Angeles and other HHW events, go to <http://www.lacity.org/san> or call 1-800-98-TOXIC (1-800-988-6942).

For more information on County of Los Angeles Round-Up events, go to <http://www.888cleanla.com> or call 1-888-CLEAN-LA (1-888-253-2652).

Culver City residents may contact the Sanitation Division at 310-253-6400 for further information on household hazardous waste here in Culver City.