What Kind of Materials are NOT Accepted at the S.A.F.E. Collection Centers?

- Empty Containers
- Explosives - Shock sensitive materials such as dynamite, ammunition, picric acid, fireworks, and firearms
- Garbage - Municipal waste
- Known PCB wastes
- Bio-medical and pathological wastes - any infectious waste
- Radioactive substances
- Tires
- Yard waste

For more information...

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Why a S.A.F.E. Center?

Since 1989, the Bureau of Sanitation has operated the Residential Special Materials (RSM) Program. RSM consists of waste such as paint, cleaners and solvents, used oil, paint thinners, furniture polish, and unwanted electronic equipment. City residents have brought such materials to periodic collection events held throughout the City. These collection events have served over 200,000 residents and small businesses and collected over 19 million pounds of RSM waste. However, there is a constant demand for RSM disposal and this demand is increasing. The current periodic collection events do not always provide enough timely and adequate opportunities for residents to responsibly dispose of and recycle RSM waste. A fixed collection site will provide consistent service for RSM waste collection and recycling.

How Does It Work?

- The S.A.F.E. Centers will be in operation anywhere from two to four days per week with weekend days included.
- Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- When you bring your RSM waste to the S.A.F.E. Center, it will be unloaded from your car and placed into drums.
- The drums are stored in special containers and the drums in these storage containers will be periodically transported to a recycling and disposal facility.
- S.A.F.E. Center services are free of charge to residents bringing waste from their households.
- By appointment only and for a nominal fee, small businesses can also take advantage of the S.A.F.E. Centers.

Is it Safe?

- The S.A.F.E. Center is designed to contain any accidental leakage.
- The waste drums contain material to absorb any accidental leakage and also act as a shock absorber.
- The waste drums are stored in large containers constructed out of steel and are fire and leak proof.
- All wastes are handled by trained professionals.

What Kind of Materials Are Accepted?

This is a short list to give you an idea of what kind of materials will be accepted:

- Acids
- Adhesives
- Aerosols
- Airplane glue
- Antifreeze
- Auto Batteries
- Batteries
- Brake Fluid
- Cements
- Chemistry Sets
- Chlorine
- Cleaning Fluids
- Corrosives
- Degreasers
- Dioxin Pesticides
- Disinfectants
- Drain Cleaners
- Fiberglass Resins
- Flea Products
- Fuels
- Furniture Polish
- Gasoline
- Herbicides
- Hobby Chemicals
- Inks
- Insecticides
- Insect Repellents
- Lacquers
- Lubricants
- Mercury
- Moth Balls/flakes
- Motor Oils
- Nail Polish/Remover
- Oven Cleaners
- Paints (oil based/latex)
- Paint Removers
- Paint Thinners
- Pesticides
- Photo Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Propane Cylinders (up to 30#)
- Rat & Mice Poisons
- Rubber Cements
- Rug Cleaners
- Rust Solvents
- Silvex (pesticide)
- Spot Removers
- Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- Tub/Tile Cleaners
- Turpentine
- Varnish
- Weed Killers
- Wood Preservatives
- Wood Stains
- Degreasers
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