

## Household Medical Waste

- **Sharps** (hypodermic needles, lancets): Sharps generated by residents are accepted free of charge at the Knott, Negus, Northwest and Southwest Transfer Stations. See site attendant for directions on where to place containers. **MUST BE CONTAINED IN A LEAK-PROOF, PUNCTURE-PROOF CONTAINER.** Sharps containers are available through local pharmacies and medical supply retailers.
- **Prescription Medication:** Call the Sheriff's Office at (541) 388-6655 or the Department of Solid Waste at (541) 317-3163 for disposal information.



## Business Medical Waste

Medical waste and sharps generated by medical offices, clinics, institutions, veterinarians and other medical facilities are **not** accepted at any County solid waste facility. Commercial medical waste management services are provided by Bend Garbage and Recycling. For additional information, call (541) 382-2263.

## Be Part of the Solution

Be a smart consumer and minimize hazardous waste in your home:

- Use safe alternatives.
- Read labels before purchasing. Watch for words like "caution," "warning," and "danger." Always follow label directions.
- If you have usable leftovers, store them properly for future use or offer them to friends, neighbors or charitable institutions.
- Keep product in original containers when possible. If you need to use another container, be sure to label it.
- Do not dispose of hazardous materials in the trash or pour it on the ground, down the sink or in storm drains. Improper disposal can result in hazardous conditions in your home, can endanger refuse collection and landfill employees and result in environmental contamination.



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# HAZARDOUS WASTE

## Management in Deschutes County

**A guide to household and  
business hazardous waste  
management services in  
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## ***Hazardous Waste Facility***

Located at the Knott Landfill Recycling and Transfer Facility in Bend, the Hazardous Waste Facility is open the second and fourth Friday and Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Second Friday and Saturday only in November and December)

Call the Solid Waste Department at (541) 317-3163 or visit [www.deschutes.org/solidwaste](http://www.deschutes.org/solidwaste) for upcoming collection dates.

### **The facility accepts a wide variety of hazardous wastes including:**

- Paints, stains and solvents
- Fuels and thinners
- Oil filters and antifreeze
- Aerosols
- Cleaning products
- Pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers
- Rechargeable batteries
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Pool and spa chemicals
- Thermometers
- Mercury thermostats and switches
- Propane tanks and cylinders
- Fireworks
- Ammunition

Auto batteries, used motor oil, paints and stains, and rechargeable batteries are also accepted at the Knott Landfill Recycling Center.

### **NOT Accepted**

- Compressed gas cylinders (welding tanks, etc.)
- Radioactive and biohazardous waste
- Explosives

## ***Business Hazardous Waste***

If you have business generated hazardous waste you **MUST** contact Stericycle Environmental Solutions at 800-547-2436 x2514 to pre-register; or visit [www.deschutes.org/solidwaste](http://www.deschutes.org/solidwaste) to download a Business Hazardous Waste application.

## ***Motor Oil - Household ONLY***

Households can recycle used motor oil free of charge at any of the following locations (*Limit: 5 gallons per customer*):

**Knott Landfill Recycling Center**  
(Operated by Deschutes Recycling)  
61050 SE 27th Street, Bend, OR 97702

**Negus Transfer Station**  
2400 NE Maple Way, Redmond, OR 97756

**Northwest Transfer Station**  
68200 Fryrear Rd, Sisters OR, 97759

**Southwest Transfer Station**  
54580 S Highway 97, La Pine, OR 97739

**Alfalfa Transfer Station**  
Walker Rd, near Alfalfa, Bend, OR 97701

## ***Auto Batteries - Household ONLY***

Households can recycle used auto batteries free of charge at the following locations (see above for site addresses):

- Knott Landfill Recycling Center
- Negus Transfer Station
- Northwest Transfer Station
- Southwest Transfer Station
- Alfalfa Transfer Station

## ***Other Batteries - Household ONLY***

Households can recycle other rechargeable batteries (NiCad, Lithium, Cell phone, and other rechargeable batteries) free of charge at the Recycling Center and Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at Knott Landfill.

Single-use alkaline batteries are not collected for recycling and may be disposed of as household garbage.

## ***Paints and Stains***

Household and business generated latex and oil based paints and stains are accepted free of charge at a number of locations throughout Central Oregon. Visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) to find a drop off location nearest you.

Deschutes Recycling, located at the Knott Landfill Recycling and Transfer Facility, accepts up to 10 containers of paint per customer (both household and business), free of charge. Please, **NO** leaking, open or empty containers, spray paint, paint rinse water, solvents or thinners.

If you have more than 10 containers, please visit the Hazardous Waste facility on collection days.

If you have more than 200 gallons of paint PaintCare offers a free pick-up service. Visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) for details.

## ***Painting Tips***

### **When planning a painting project:**

- Buy only what you need. Your paint retailer can help determine the amount of paint to buy for your project.
- Whenever possible use latex paint, which works as well as oil-based paint for most jobs and is easier to use and less hazardous than oil-based paints.
- To save leftover paints for future use, secure the lid and store paint can upside down; protect from freezing.
- Label, if not in original container.