



## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY**

**DATE:** March 7, 2017  
**TO:** Affected Parties  
**FROM:** City of Lakeport & County of Lake Environmental Health Department  
**RE:** Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

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The recent flood conditions of Clear Lake may require the disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW) if the materials or related packaging have been damaged.

Improper disposal of HHW can injure sanitation workers. In addition, improper disposal of household hazardous products can potentially harm our families, children, and pets, pollute our neighborhoods and contaminate our ground, water and air.

Please adhere to the following recommendations provided by the [County of Lake Environmental Health Department](#) for pesticides, poisons, fertilizers and similar HHW products:

1. Do not put hazardous products in the garbage.
2. Double contain these items. A box inside a plastic bag then lined with a plastic bag is OK.
3. Leave items in their original containers.
4. Pack like items together but do not mix them (a chemical reaction is possible). Pool chemicals are of particular concern as mixing them can create serious reactions.
5. Label the tied bag with the type of contents i.e. insecticides, fertilizer, chemicals etc.
6. Materials with high levels of toxicity can be packed in a lidded plastic bucket with a layer of kitty litter and then litter packed around them and sealed. Label the material.
7. Don't pour HHW down the drain or toilet. The sewer system is not equipped to handle toxics.
8. Do not deposit or wash these materials into Clear Lake or local creeks/drainages! Natural waterways will be polluted!
9. Deliver your packed materials to the Lake County HHW Drop-Off Event. Current schedule is posted on the County's website:

[http://www.recycling.co.lake.ca.us/Hazardous\\_Waste\\_Drop-Off\\_Event/Schedule.htm](http://www.recycling.co.lake.ca.us/Hazardous_Waste_Drop-Off_Event/Schedule.htm)

Upcoming events: March 17 and 18, 2017 (Clearlake) and April 21 and 22, 2017 (Lakeport).

Questions? Please contact any of the following: County of Lake Public Services (HHW events) 263-1980; Lake County Waste Solutions (garbage service in unincorporated areas) 234-6400; Lakeport Disposal (garbage service in incorporated Lakeport) 263-6080.