



# The Hazardous Materials Commission Survey

The Hazardous Materials Commission advises the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors about the safe management and disposal of hazardous materials and hazardous wastes.

*Please take this short survey to help us better understand your concerns.*

(check yes or no)

Yes No

1. Do you know the location of the nearest place for you to properly dispose of household hazardous wastes?

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2. Do you think your disposal options for household hazardous waste are adequate?

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*If no, explain:*

3. Are you interested in learning about less-toxic alternatives for household products containing hazardous chemicals such as cleaning products, pesticides, paints and stains?

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4. Do you know about the County's Community Warning system (CWS)?

*If Yes, What is the purpose?*

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5. Do you know how the County's CWS advises people to Shelter-in-Place?

*If Yes, How?*

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6. Do you know what steps you need to take to Shelter-in-Place?

*List:*

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7. Do you know where to call when you have a complaint or question about hazardous materials?

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*If Yes, Where?*

**Please complete the reverse side**

8. What hazardous material issues most concern you?

(pick three)

- ☐ Improper disposal of hazardous products from the home
- ☐ Abandoned contaminated industrial sites
- ☐ Accidental releases from industrial facilities
- ☐ Accidental releases from pipelines
- ☐ Spills from railcars, ships or tanker trucks
- ☐ Fires involving hazardous materials from sources such as industries, pipelines, commercial facilities, truck and railcars
- ☐ Illegal dumping of hazardous materials in streams or stormdrains
- ☐ Household use of products containing hazardous chemicals
- ☐ Leaking underground storage tanks
- ☐ Other, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What sources of hazardous materials do you think most affect your health? (pick three)

- ☐ Contaminated drinking water
- ☐ Abandoned contaminated industrial sites
- ☐ Contaminated seafood
- ☐ Household products such as cleaning, painting, hobbies, and auto maintenance
- ☐ Illegally dumped hazardous wastes
- ☐ Accidental releases from industrial facilities
- ☐ Accidental transportation-related releases from railcars, truck, ships or pipelines
- ☐ Fires at industrial facilities, railcars, trucks, ships or pipelines
- ☐ Other, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Do you know how to tell if a product is hazardous?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

*If Yes, How?*

11. How do you currently dispose of the following household products containing hazardous chemicals?

**Choose from the following list::**

**A**—take to a proper collection facility

**B**—trash

**C**—sink or toilet

**D**—curbside pickup

**E**—dump down stormdrain or on ground

Auto fluids (oil, antifreeze, solvents) \_\_\_\_\_

Paints and cleaning solvents \_\_\_\_\_

Leftover cleaning products \_\_\_\_\_

Household batteries \_\_\_\_\_

Leftover prescription drugs \_\_\_\_\_

Fluorescent bulbs \_\_\_\_\_

Other hazardous chemicals used in the home \_\_\_\_\_

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Electronic wastes (computer equipment, TVs, cell phones, other electronic devices) \_\_\_\_\_

12. What other Hazardous Materials issues are you interested in? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. What is your home Zip Code? \_\_\_\_\_

*The Hazards Materials Commission is a 13-member appointed advisory board to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors made up of volunteers from environmental, industry and labor organizations; the League of Women Voters; local elected officials and the general public.*