

# Reduce *your* Use of Hazardous Products

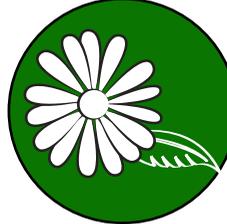
*Buy Less. Buy Less Toxic. Create Less Waste.*

Home



Garage

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READ the LABEL

Seek out products having these certifications:

- EPA Safer Choice
- USDA Certified Organic



[www2.epa.gov/saferchoice/products](http://www2.epa.gov/saferchoice/products)

Avoid, if possible, purchasing products that have a label containing the following language:

- Caution
- Combustible
- Corrosive
- Danger
- Explosive
- Flammable
- Harmful
- Inflammable
- Poison
- Toxic
- Volatile
- Warning



CORROSIVE



FLAMMABLE



DANGER



TOXIC



## Home

### Alternative Practices & Tips

- You can make your own safe, effective cleaners with simple household products such as vinegar, lemon juice, borax, and baking soda.
- Use potpourri to keep your home smelling fresh.
- Look for pump sprays rather than aerosols.

### Alternative Brands

*Biokleen, Bon ami, Boulder Cleaners, Ecover, Frontier Natural Products Co-op, Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day, Seventh Generation, Method*

### PRODUCTS

- Cleaners • Polishers • Laundry • Air fresheners

### RISKS/HAZARDS

- Many home products contain hazardous chemicals that irritate eyes and lungs.
- Cleaners with synthetic chemicals contribute to water contamination when flushed down a drain.
- Many air fresheners contain VOCs (volatile organic compounds) that cause indoor air pollution.
- Some home products are carcinogenic.

### LOCAL STORES Carrying Alternatives

*B & F Super Foods, Costco, Home Depot, King Soopers, Lucky's Market, McGuckin Hardware, Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Niwot Market, Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy, Sprouts Farmers Market, Target, Top Hat Supply Co, Whole Foods Market*



## Garage

### Alternative Practices & Tips

- Pay a pro—when it comes to auto maintenance, it is safer for you and the environment to pay a professional.
- If you do auto maintenance yourself, please protect stormwater, see [www.keepitcleanpartnership.org/stormwater-basics](http://www.keepitcleanpartnership.org/stormwater-basics).
- Choose water-based, zero VOC and natural paints.

### Alternative Brands (Paint)

*Mythic Paint, Harmony by Sherwin Williams, The Real Milk Paint Company, Behr Premium Plus Enamel Low Luster, Benjamin Moore Natura/Aura, YOLO Colorhouse*

### PRODUCTS

- Motor Oil • Brake & transmission fluid
- Antifreeze • Paints

### RISKS/HAZARDS

- Auto supplies can pollute storm water, streams and rivers if not handled properly.
- VOCs in paint cause:
  - eye, nose and throat irritation
  - headaches, nausea, and loss of coordination
  - several types of cancer
- Motor oil, brake fluid, transmission fluid and antifreeze may all be poisonous to humans and pets.
- Many hazardous items in the garage are highly flammable (note: inflammable means flammable).

### LOCAL STORES Carrying Alternatives

*McGuckin Hardware, Jax Mercantile, Unfinished Furniture, Boulder Valley Paint LLC, Home Depot, Ace Hardware*

## Workshop



### Alternative Practices & Tips

- Use your artistic prowess to manipulate safer substitutes in a way that mimics the effect of a hazardous product (i.e. use water based paints with a splatter technique to replace aerosol sprays).
- Choose water based supplies whenever possible.
- Buy low hazard glues & markers.

### Alternative Brands

*Amsterdam Acrylics, Caran d'Ache, Crayola, Elmer's School Glue, Golden Artist Colors, Natural Earth Paint*

### PRODUCTS

- Aerosol Sprays • Dyes • Permanent felted or scented markers • Adhesives including epoxy glue, instant glue, airplane glue, solvent based adhesives

### RISKS/HAZARDS

- Toxic chemicals often found in art supplies cause asthma, headaches, and nausea.
- Children are particularly susceptible to these toxic chemicals.
- Studies show that some possible long term effects of using toxic art supplies include damage to the liver, kidney, and central nervous system.
- VOCs (volatile organic compounds) contained in some art supplies can cause cancer, as well as issues with fetal development and reproduction.

### LOCAL STORES Carrying Alternatives

*Jo-Ann Fabrics & Crafts, Meininger, Michaels, OfficeMax, Staples, Target*

## Garden



### Alternative Practices & Tips

- Buy natural predators such as ladybugs to remove unwanted pests.
- Remove bugs with strong hosing or handpicking.
- Remove weeds manually, or spray with white vinegar.
- Avoid rock covers where weeds are hard to eliminate; use mulch instead (improves soils and deters weeds).
- In your garden, alternative practices may be safer and more effective than chemical options.
- Use spot treatments if necessary.

### Alternative Brands

*EcoSMART, GreenCure Fungicide, Microbe Brew (Compost tea) by Eco-Cycle, Organocide*

### PRODUCTS

- Pesticides • Herbicides • Fungicides • Weed killers including fertilizer/weed killer mixes

### RISKS/HAZARDS

- Garden products can contain chemicals that pollute storm water, streams and rivers.
- Toxic garden products can have immediate effects on the nervous system.
- Pesticide exposure can increase the risk of cancer and other illnesses.
- Research shows that some garden products negatively affect brain development in children.
- Some products contain chemicals that are harmful to 'good insects,' such as bees, that help keep your garden healthy and our ecosystem functioning.

### LOCAL STORES Carrying Alternatives

*Harlequin's Gardens, Home Depot, Lafayette Florist Gift shop & Garden Center, McGuckin Hardware, One Love Garden Supply, Walmart, Ace, Target*

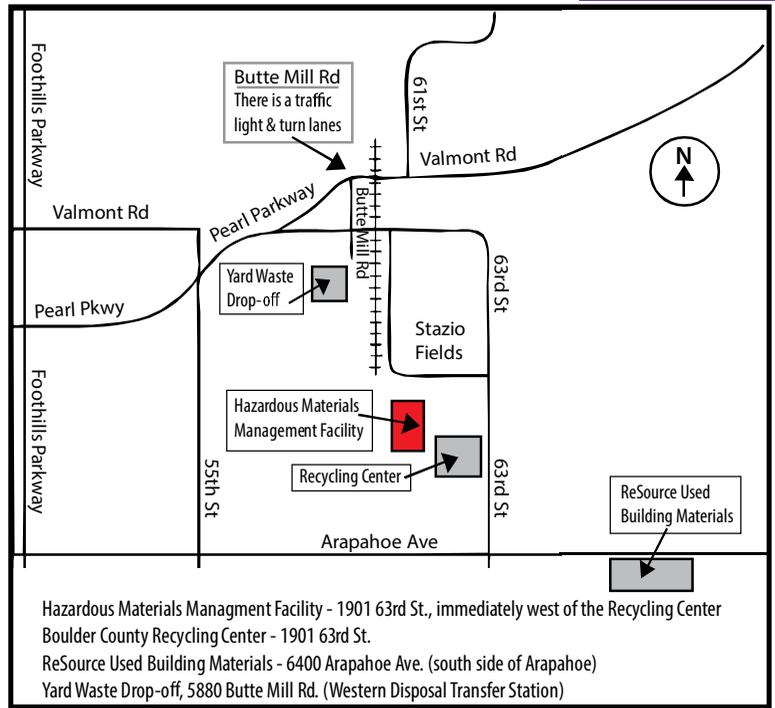
# Hazardous Materials Management Facility & Free Reusable Products

**SERVES:** Residents of Boulder County, City and County of Broomfield, and the Town of Erie. Please bring your driver's license or other proof of residency. Residents are not charged to drop off their hazardous wastes. Business wastes accepted for a fee by appointment ONLY.

**LOCATION:** Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility, 1901 63rd St., Boulder (immediately west of the Recycling Center).

**HOURS:** Wednesday – Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. excluding public holidays. Business waste by appointment only.

**REUSABLE PRODUCTS:** Reusable products are available FREE OF CHARGE to residents and businesses during regular hours of operation.



## For More Information...

### About HOME

- Learn more about buying the least hazardous products available, visit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at [www2.epa.gov/saferchoice/products](http://www2.epa.gov/saferchoice/products)
- Learn more about making your own cleaning products, visit Eco-Cycle at [www.ecocycle.org](http://www.ecocycle.org)
- For ratings of different home products, visit the GoodGuide at [www.goodguide.com](http://www.goodguide.com)
- [www.ewg.org/guides/cleaners](http://www.ewg.org/guides/cleaners)

### About GARAGE

- For more information on purchasing green paint brands, visit the eartheasy article, "Non-Toxic Paints" at [http://eartheasy.com/live\\_nontoxic\\_paints.htm](http://eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_paints.htm)

### About WORKSHOP

- To see the official list of products certified by the toxicology experts at ACMI, visit [www.acminet.org](http://www.acminet.org)

### About GARDEN

- For more information see the CSU Extension's "Homeowners Guide: Alternative Pesticide Management for the Lawn and Garden," at [www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/garden/xcm221.pdf](http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/garden/xcm221.pdf)

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