

## WHAT ARE HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS?

Look in any storage cabinet in your home. Do you see products such as paint thinner, spot remover, oven cleaner, furniture polish, drain opener, pool chemicals and hair spray? These products are hazardous because they contain chemicals that are corrosive, explosive, reactive, flammable or toxic.

When you look at these products you might not immediately recognize hazardous products by their name. When you see words like pesticide, acid, fungicide, caustic, herbicide, or solvent, you know they are hazardous. But, sometimes the name may not tell you anything about the product. Read the label, especially the instructions, carefully.

Unfortunately, the absence of these words does not guarantee the product is without hazards. For example, methyl alcohol (found in some glass cleaners) can cause blindness if ingested, but may not require a warning if it makes up less than 4% of a product. Additionally, health effects from long term exposure may not even be considered in the labeling requirements.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

3rd Saturday in May - Hampton, NH 9 AM to 12 PM (May 18, 2013)

3rd Saturday in September - Brentwood, NH 9 AM to 12 PM

Household Hazardous Waste Flyer

NH DES Guidelines for Disposal of Prescription Drugs

Mercury Ban - as of January 1, 2008 the disposal of ALL products containing mercury in the trash is banned. Items included but are not limited to: thermometers, thermostats, electrical switches and relays, fluorescent light bulbs, button cell batteries.