# **Household Hazardous Waste**

## **AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCT DISPOSAL**

Automotive Products that may be harmful include:

Used motor oil • Brake fluids • Antifreeze • Gasoline and diesel fuels • Batteries • Car waxes with solvents • Carburetor cleaners •

### What To Do with Leftover Automotive Products

•Save them for future use, or give them to someone who can use them.

•Take used motor oil to a recycling facility, service station or retailer. State law requires service stations or retailers that sell more than 1,000 gallons a year of oil, to accept, free of charge, up to five gallons of used motor oil per person, per day. If a service station or retailer refuses your oil, contact your DEC regional office.

•Take used car batteries to retailers that sell new batteries. State law requires retailers to accept, free of charge, up to two used batteries per person, per month for recycling.

•Never mix automotive products, or pour them into storm drains, septic systems, or on the ground.

•Call your local sewage treatment plant to ask if you can flush small amounts of antifreeze down the drain.

•Save leftover materials for a household hazardous waste collection program.

Always read the label for safety precautions, even if you are familiar with the product.

Remember improper disposal of these products can harm the environment.









### **ALWAYS CONSULT THE PRODUCT LABEL**

Labels provide information about proper use and alert you if the product is potentially hazardous.

#### Look for:

- ✓ Signal words DANGER, POISON, WARNING or CAUTION.
- ✓ Statements of hazards "Flammable," "Vapor harmful," "Harmful or fatal if swallowed."

Precautionary statements "Keep out of reach of children," "Use only in well-ventilated areas," "Do not mix with chlorine-type bleaches or other chemicals."

Store Household Hazardous Waste Properly and Safely Before Disposal

- **G** Keep the product in its original container with the label intact.
- **G** Place leaking containers in larger, leak-proof containers clearly labeled with the contents.
- **G** Store products out of reach of children and pets, away from heat, and away from the house, if possible.
- **G** Store liquid flammables in their original containers or UL-approved metal safety cans, available from hardware stores.
- **G** Reduce disposal problems by using smaller amounts of hazardous substances, or by substituting less hazardous substances where possible.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION on household hazardous waste, contact:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Bureau of Waste Reduction & Recycling Division of Solid & Hazardous Materials 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7253 Tel: (518) 402-8704

> Note: The information on this card applies only to home-generated wastes. Businesses and organizations must comply with all applicable state and federal hazardous waste regulations.