



FACT

- Many chemical products pass their expiry date, are replaced by newer products, are banned by legislation, or are simply no longer needed. What do you do with these old products? How do you dispose of them safely?
- Chemical products that may need to be disposed:
 - Smoke alarms
 - Distress flares
 - LPG cylinders
 - Medications
 - Paints and solvents
 - Used motor oil
 - Batteries – lead acid batteries for cars and boats etc.
 - Batteries – mobile phone and other rechargeable batteries
 - BCF fire extinguishers containing halon gases that affect the ozone layer

Chemicals may be toxic, flammable or may react violently when mixed.

HOW AND WHERE TO DISPOSE

Smoke alarms	Ionisation type smoke alarms are slightly radioactive, and up to 10 may be placed in the regular household rubbish. For further information see our Factsheet # 44 Safe Disposal of Smoke Alarms.
Batteries – rechargeable	Return to your supplier, or dispose of at household chemical collections.
Batteries – lead acid	Take to your local council's waste transfer station. Normal dry cell batteries can be placed in your regular household rubbish.
BCF Fire Extinguishers	Return to your local NSW Fire Brigades station.
Hazardous chemicals	Dispose of at household chemical collections. Most councils accept chemicals at their waste transfer stations on a daily basis. Check with your local council first.
Distress flares	For information contact the manufacturer about the best means of disposal or dispose of at household chemical collections.
LPG cylinders	Dispose of at household chemical collections.
Medications	Return to your chemist.
Paints and solvents	Dispose of at household chemical collections.
Used motor oil	Take to your local service station, or dispose of at household chemical collections.

ACTION

- Have you **INSPECTED** your chemical storage areas and container seals recently?
- Have you **CONTACTED** your local council to **DISCARD** old and unused chemicals? (www.resource.nsw.gov.au)
- **FOLLOW** first-aid instructions. If skin or eyes are **BURNT**, if chemical has been **SWALLOWED** or fumes **INHALED** – call your doctor, local hospital or an ambulance.
- **REMEMBER** the **POISONS INFORMATION LINE: 13 11 26**.