

## Hazardous Waste Collected



Household Hazardous Waste Round Up

In March of 1997 the Ministry of Environment introduced the (Post) Consumer Residual Stewardship Program Regulation. This legislation makes provision for the recycling and safe disposal of many residential hazardous products. In April of 1998, the Kelowna depot opened at an existing recycling location (the Battery Doctor at 1972 Windsor Road). The Consumer Residual Stewardship Program depots accept:

- ☒ Solvents and flammable liquids, including paint thinners
- ☒ Cleaning products, camp fuels, or liquid adhesives with a “flammable” symbol
- ☒ Other solvents with a “flammable” symbol or fire hazard warnings
- ☒ Consumer pesticides with a “poisonous” hazard symbol and “PCP” or “Pest Control Product” registration number
- ☒ Marine bottom paint (pesticide)

The program is funded through a user-pay system called the “Eco-Fee.” The fee is included in the price of purchase, but is usually disclosed separately to ensure consumers are aware of disposal costs.

### **Status and Trends**

The Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up Day is an annual event. In 2006, 1100 vehicle loads dropped off approximately 400 drums of household hazardous materials for recycling or safe disposal. Everything from pesticides to chemicals, paint, and oil products is collected at the event. There are no fees charged at this event. As in previous years, numerous volunteers and businesses helped make this event successful.





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### ***Why is it important?***

Each year participants are surveyed. The results show that the majority of the materials brought to this event are not included in the Consumer Residual Stewardship Program and would not have been accepted at the local disposal companies. These products would have eventually gone to the landfill because there are no proper disposal options for these products.

The majority of the people coming to this event are aware that there are year round drop-off options for paint, flammable liquids and many pesticides at the Battery Doctors. Many residents indicated that they liked the convenience of the Round Up event; however, a year round disposal facility for all hazardous materials would be preferable.

### ***What is Being Done?***

There continues to be a high demand for this program. The number of carloads and amount of material is high.

In the near future we hope to have a year round disposal location for all hazardous materials. However, until a location is sited, this event will continue annually. Some hazardous waste materials, such as paint, are currently accepted year-round at the Battery Doctors and Boucherie Bottle Depot. Other materials that are accepted year-round at the Battery Doctors are pesticides, solvents, and mixed fuels.

For more information on these programs, please call the Waste Reduction Office at (250) 469-6250 or visit their website at [www.regionaldistrict.com/departments/waste](http://www.regionaldistrict.com/departments/waste)

