

Safety Procedures

Here are some safety instructions for the storage and disposal of common household products.

Household Product and Danger	Safe Storage and Disposal Instructions
Spray-type cleaners, paint, and hair products may explode if heated or crushed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep away from heat, sparks, and flames. • Store where there is no danger of crushing.
Gasoline and paint thinners catch fire easily.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep away from heat, sparks, and flames. • Store away from your living area.
Cleaners, paints, and glues may be poisonous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not dump down the drain. They may cause harm to animals and plants in the environment.
Batteries contain acid and poisonous heavy metals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never touch the inside of a battery. • Dispose of old batteries properly.
Empty paint cans, ink cartridges, old computer parts, and used tires release poisonous fumes when they are burned.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take to a special collection site. • Ask a special waste disposal company to pick up the materials.

Check Your Understanding

1. What two types of hazardous materials must be kept away from sparks, heat, and flames?

2. What happens when paint cans and old tires are burned?
