

Detox your Home

What is 'Detox your Home'?

Detox your Home is a free of charge, easy to use collection service to dispose of unwanted household chemicals. Household chemicals which are stored after they are no longer wanted or needed can pose a risk to the health of your family and pets, as well as the environment. They can also add fuel to house fires and release toxic fumes. The initiative is run by Sustainability Victoria, who holds mobile collections across Victoria each year to provide residents with the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals.

What chemicals are accepted at mobile collection points?

- ✓ Acids and alkalis
- ✓ Aerosol cans (if empty can be placed in kerbside recycling bin)
- ✓ Anti-freeze/coolant
- ✓ Brake fluid
- ✓ Car body filler
- ✓ Car wax
- ✓ Cleaners – ammonia based
- ✓ Cooking oil
- ✓ Detergents, disinfectants & drain cleaners
- ✓ Fertiliser
- ✓ Fire extinguishers
- ✓ Floor care products & waxes
- ✓ Fuels – petrol, diesel, kerosene etc.
- ✓ Glues – water based & solvents
- ✓ Herbicides & weed killers
- ✓ Insect spray/pesticides
- ✓ Nail polish/remover
- ✓ Oven cleaner
- ✓ Paint stripper, thinner & turps
- ✓ Pool chemicals
- ✓ Rat poison
- ✓ Solvents
- ✓ Transmission fluid
- ✓ Wood preservatives & finishes (oils & varnish)

What chemicals are **not** accepted at mobile collection points?

- ☒ Motor oil (accepted at RRCs)
- ☒ Paint
- ☒ Batteries (accepted at RRCs)
- ☒ Fluorescent tubes
- ☒ Gas cylinders (accepted at RRCs)
- ☒ Commercial chemical disposal
- ☒ Farm chemicals (see our ChemClear factsheet)
- ☒ Asbestos (visit our asbestos disposal webpage for disposal options)
- ☒ Ammunition

Detox your home also provides permanent disposal facilities which target paint, batteries and fluorescent tubes. There are none within the Shire, however the nearest sites are to the shire where this is offered are:

- Coldstream Transfer Station: 200 Leonard Road, Lilydale
- Shepparton Transfer Station: Wanganui Road, Shepparton

Are there any volume restrictions?

Although there are no restrictions on the total volume of chemicals you can bring, however no containers with capacity more than 20kg or 20L will be accepted. The chemicals are also not able to be decanted, so they container they are transported in needs to be disposable. If the contents are unknown, label the bottle as "unknown chemical".

For more information:

<http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/services-and-advice/households/waste-and-recycling/detox-your-home>