

# Collection services for household chemicals and targeted products

## Program fact sheet

Household chemicals can be dangerous. They can harm your family and your pets, add extra fuel to a house fire, release toxic fumes and damage the environment. Sustainability Victoria, in partnership with local councils, runs two services that allow you to dispose of these potentially hazardous products in a safe and easy manner:

- Detox your Home mobile collection service for household chemicals
- Network of permanent drop-off sites for household paint, batteries and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs).

The collected items are recycled for recovery and diverted from landfill.

### Detox your Home mobile collections

Did you know it is dangerous to throw chemical products out with your regular rubbish collection? The products could explode, ignite, leak or mix with other chemicals. And pouring them down the drain would pollute our waterways, harming animals and vegetation, contaminating our drinking water supply and making beaches and rivers unsafe for swimming.

Detox your Home is a **safe, free and easy-to-use** service to dispose of common household chemicals without harming your health or the environment.

There are 31 Detox your Home mobile collections held across Victoria each year to ensure reasonable access for all Victorian householders. To use this free service, select your most convenient location, register online or over the phone if required (metropolitan areas only), then turn up on the day – and we'll do the rest.

For a full list of Detox your Home mobile collections visit: [sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)

### Permanent drop-off sites

Permanent drop-off sites are a convenient network of permanent sites where you can dispose of household paint, batteries and CFLs throughout the year – for free. Some sites may accept gas bottles and there may be a charge.

Detox your Home mobile collections, on the other hand, are designed specifically to collect unwanted or out-of-date household chemicals that need to be disposed of by a team of experts.

The Victorian Government is expanding the number of permanent drop-off sites. Up to 30 sites across the state will be established to service all Victorian householders. Visit [sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome) or contact your local council for a full list of permanent drop-off sites.

### What products are accepted through Detox your Home mobile collections?

You can bring as many of the following products as you like, so long as each container is **less than 20 litres or 20 kilograms**.

- Acids & alkalis
- Aerosols
- Anti-freeze
- Brake fluid
- Car body filler
- Car wax
- Cleaners – ammonia based
- Cooking oil
- Coolant
- Detergents, disinfectants & drain cleaners
- Fertiliser
- Fire extinguishers
- Floor-care products & waxes
- Fuels – petrol, diesel, kerosene, other
- 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 products are NOT accepted through Detox your Home mobile collections?

- Ammunition or firearms
- Asbestos
- Car batteries
- Chemicals used by businesses
- Compact fluorescent lamps\*
- Farm chemicals
- Gas bottles\*
- Household batteries\*
- Motor oil
- Paint\*

\*Refer to **Permanent drop-off sites** (left).

Visit [sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome) or contact your local council to find out where you can dispose of the above products.