

Chemical Storage and Disposal

What is a good way to store household chemicals, car fluids, and pesticides?

A general rule of thumb is: In a covered building, organized by chemical content, with restricted access.

- Acidic or corrosive chemicals should be kept on the lowest shelf if chemicals are being stored on multiple levels. Chemicals should also have secondary containment such as a drip pan.
- If children or pets are around it would be wise to restrict access to these chemicals by placing them out of reach or in a locked cabinet.
- Chemicals that come in granular form (like bagged fertilizer) should be kept off of the floor to reduce the likelihood of getting wet or torn open accidentally.

I have a chemical (such as Roundup) that is leftover from my project, how do I get rid of it?

- Try to only mix as much chemical as you need or store it for later use. You could also ask a neighbor if they could use it up.
- Alternatively, if you cannot store it or use it up, North Pointe Transfer Station will accept household hazardous wastes such as paint, oil, gasoline, pesticides, and cleaners for free at any time (up to 1 gallon).
- There is also a designated window of time each year that the county will accept E-waste for free. This year Free Residential E-Waste will be accepted April 1-30 at the following Transfer Stations:

- Ace Pleasant Grove
249 W. 700 S. P.G.

<https://www.aceintermountain.com/pleasant-grove-transfer-station>

- North Pointe
2000 W. 200 S., Lindon

<https://utahcountygabage.org/>

- South Utah Valley Solid Waste
2400 W. 400 S., Springville

<http://www.suvs wd.org/>



<https://health.utahcounty.gov/hhw/>
<https://utahcountygabage.org/faqs/>

Do chemicals have an expiration date?

Yes, most if not all chemicals have an expiration date. Expired chemicals can be particularly hazardous due to the breakdown of the container the chemical is in as well as the natural breakdown of its chemical components.

- All chemicals that are past their prime or have illegible labels should be properly disposed of.

The proper storage and disposal of chemicals can greatly improve storm water quality. Thank you for helping to build a better Orem!