



Learning Trunk Engagement Guide – Household Hazardous Waste



Objective:

Help educators explain the importance of proper use, storage, disposal, and safety information of household hazardous products.

Audience:

Residents of all ages, with a focus on those who purchase and use products for their homes.

Activities:

- “Chemicals in the home” quiz
- Label reading
- Household hazardous waste product survey
- PowerPoint presentations

Barriers:

To be most effective using the learning trunks, you need to analyze your audience and identify barriers.

Barriers participants might have related to household hazardous waste include:

- “Toxic chemicals clean better”
- “Natural products cost more”
- “I don’t know what to buy”
- “I don’t know what to look for”
- “It won’t really hurt me”

To overcome barriers, make sure participants:

1. Are aware of a problem.
2. Know specifically what they can do about the problem.
3. Desire to do the action.
4. Believe they are capable of doing it and that it is worthwhile.

Discussion questions:



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- What did you learn about household hazardous waste? What did you learn that you want to share with someone else?
- Why should we care about the products we use?
- What do you want to do about this issue?
- What do you want to learn more about?

Contact information

- Contact Angie Ziobro at 612-348-9850 or Angela.Ziobro@hennepin.us
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Additional resources

- Environmental education toolkits - www.hennepin.us/environmentaleducation
- Green Cleaning learning trunk – www.hennepin.us/environmentaleducation
- Hennepin County Drop-off Facilities brochure – www.hennepin.us/~media/hennepinus/residents/recycling/documents/DropOffFacilities.pdf
- Hennepin County A to Z How to Get Rid of it Guide – www.hennepinatoz.org/azguide
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – www.pca.state.mn.us search: hazards in the home
- Green cleaning recipe guide - www.hennepin.us/~media/hennepinus/Business/work-with-hennepin-county/Environmental%20literature/green_cleaning_recipes.pdf
- How to reduce hazardous chemicals in the home - www.hennepin.us/~media/hennepinus/Business/work-with-hennepin-county/Environmental%20literature/IdentifyandReduce_HazardousChemicals.pdf