



## ***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

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### Additional resources

- Environmental education toolkits - [www.hennepin.us/environmentaleducation](http://www.hennepin.us/environmentaleducation)
- Green Cleaning learning trunk – [www.hennepin.us/environmentaleducation](http://www.hennepin.us/environmentaleducation)
- Hennepin County Drop-off Facilities brochure – [www.hennepin.us/~media/hennepinus/residents/recycling/documents/DropOffFacilities.pdf](http://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](http://www.hennepinatoz.org/azguide)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://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](http://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](http://www.hennepin.us/~media/hennepinus/Business/work-with-hennepin-county/Environmental%20literature/IdentifyandReduce_HazardousChemicals.pdf)