

Iowa DNR/Household Hazardous Materials

Material: Aerosols

Potential Hazards: Hazardous materials including solvents, paints, pesticides, and cleaners are often sold in aerosol cans. Aerosol products may be flammable, toxic, or explosive, depending on the product and propellant.

Potential hazards can be reduced by minimizing use, using only in a well-ventilated area away from flame, and storing away from heat sources. Hazardous contents include lubricants, hot pepper spray (contains capsicum), insect sprays and water-repellent spray.

Recycle/Reuse: If you have leftover products in usable condition, check with neighbors, church groups or the local community to see if they can use them. You may also take them to your Regional Collection Center's swap shop for other residents to use, find yours at iowadnr.gov/hhm under the RCC tab.

Proper Disposal:

- Empty aerosol cans may be placed in the garbage.
- Take aerosol cans that contain hazardous products to your local Regional Collection Center for disposal.
- Call your local Regional Collection Center for more information on disposal of Household Hazardous Materials.

Green Alternatives: Use gels, solids or products with pumps, rather than propellants.