

Iowa DNR/Household Hazardous Materials

Material: Print and Toner Cartridges

Potential Hazards: Used print cartridges, toner and toner cartridges may be designated as hazardous waste depending on the formulation of the ink or toner.

Recycle/Reuse: If you have new, packed products in usable condition, check with neighbors, church groups or the local community to see if they can use them. The best management option for any used cartridge is to use up the ink or toner and have the cartridges refilled or recycled (made into new cartridges).

Used print and toner cartridges from laser printers, ink jet printers, fax machines and copy machines can be recycled. Some recyclers pay for empty cartridges and some local organizations collect empty cartridges as fundraisers. Many office supply stores provide drop-off services for ink jet cartridges, and some recycling companies and cartridge manufacturers provide mail-in service. You may also take used cartridges to your local Regional Collection Center, where it can be recycled for a small fee.

Proper Disposal: Use this product up and recycle it.