

# HHW AND YOU

Did you know that many products you use at home can pollute our rivers and creeks if they're not disposed of properly?



## What is HHW?



"HHW", or household hazardous waste, refers to any manufactured chemical or oil-based products which you buy and use indoors or outdoors at home, such as:

- cooking oil
- used motor oil and oil filters
- appliance cleaners
- pesticides and herbicides
- polishers and polish removers
- house paint and solvents

### Check the product label!

If it's labeled "toxic", "flammable", or "corrosive", it's considered household hazardous waste.

## HHW Harms Our Rivers and Creeks!

When household hazardous waste products are thrown away with regular trash or dumped onto the ground, they can seep into streets, storm drains and drainage ditches when it rains and enter our rivers and creeks. Chemicals from these products can pollute water, killing nearby fish, plants and animals making the water unsafe for our use.

## Buy, Use, Store and Dispose of Properly!

- When purchasing HHW products at the store, buy only the amount you need. You'll use up the product faster and have less to store or throw away.
- Store unused or leftover HHW products in a cool, dry, and safe place. Always check product containers and storage areas for leaks or spills.
- Consider sharing or donating any unused or leftover HHW products such as house paint with a neighbor or charitable organization.
- City of San Antonio Solid Waste customers should dispose of HHW products at the City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-Off Center.

### **DON'T GET FINED!**

Dumping HHW products on the ground, in the street or down a storm drain is against the law (San Antonio City Ordinance Section 34-702, Prohibited discharges into the MS4; Section 34-704, Placing household hazardous wastes into the MS4.)

