

# Guide to Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste for City of Acworth Residents

## 1. Introduction

**Purpose:** This report provides residents of the City of Acworth, Georgia, with comprehensive information regarding the proper disposal of common Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). HHW encompasses products frequently used in homes that contain chemicals potentially harmful to human health, animals, and the environment if not managed correctly.<sup>1</sup> This includes materials central to this report: toxic chemicals, automotive fluids (such as used motor oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, power steering fluid), paints, solvents, pesticides, and certain cleaners.<sup>1</sup> Improper disposal methods, such as pouring these substances down drains, onto the ground, or placing them in regular household trash, can lead to significant environmental contamination and pose safety risks.<sup>1</sup> The objective of this guide is to outline safe, compliant, and accessible disposal options available to City of Acworth residents.

**Scope:** The information presented focuses specifically on resources available within the City of Acworth and Cobb County for managing HHW, particularly toxic substances, various fluids, and motor oil. It draws upon official city and county resources, identifies specific disposal facilities and programs, and explores potential commercial or retail avenues relevant to residential needs. While households are generally not subject to the same stringent regulations as industrial facilities generating similar waste, the collective impact of residential HHW disposal necessitates responsible management.<sup>1</sup>

**Importance in City of Acworth/Cobb County:** Proper HHW disposal is crucial for maintaining environmental quality in the City of Acworth area and Cobb County. Local guidelines emphasize preventing pollution, particularly of waterways. City of Acworth city ordinances explicitly prohibit the dumping of materials like motor vehicle fluids and hazardous waste into storm drains, recognizing these as "illicit discharges" that contaminate water systems not designed to treat such waste.<sup>3</sup> Protecting water quality appears to be a significant factor driving HHW management efforts, especially considering that residential wastewater constitutes approximately 94% of the average daily flow to Cobb County's wastewater treatment plants.<sup>1</sup> Even small amounts of pollution from individual homes can accumulate and cause substantial environmental problems.<sup>1</sup> Cobb County supports HHW management through its permanent Transfer Station and periodic collection events organized by Keep Cobb Beautiful, reflecting an ongoing commitment to providing residents with responsible disposal pathways.<sup>1</sup>

## 2. Cobb County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Resources

Cobb County provides the primary infrastructure for HHW disposal, which is accessible to residents of the City of Acworth. The main options consist of a permanent drop-off

facility, the County Transfer Station, which accepts specific HHW items year-round, and periodic, comprehensive HHW collection events organized by Keep Cobb Beautiful.

## 2.1. Cobb County Transfer Station (Operated by GFL Environmental)

**Role:** The Cobb County Transfer Station serves as a central, year-round facility for managing solid waste from county residents and commercial haulers. It is operated by GFL Environmental and accepts general solid waste along with certain specific HHW items from residents.<sup>7</sup> This facility plays a vital role in processing over 90,000 tons of solid waste annually in an environmentally conscious manner.<sup>7</sup>

### Location & Contact:

- **Address:** 1897 County Services Parkway, Marietta, GA 30008 <sup>7</sup>
- **Phone:** 770-485-8940 <sup>7</sup>

### Operating Hours:

- Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM <sup>7</sup>
- Saturday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM <sup>7</sup>
- Sunday: Closed <sup>7</sup>
- County Holidays: Closed <sup>7</sup>

### Accepted HHW Materials:

The Transfer Station provides a consistent disposal option for several common HHW items, though its scope is more limited compared to special collection events:

- **Used Motor Oil:** Accepted year-round. Residents must pour the oil into the designated storage tank's filter, typically located at the back of the Transfer Station. Containers used for transport should not exceed 5 gallons in size. It is critical *not* to pour motor oil into the adjacent antifreeze container.<sup>7</sup>
- **Antifreeze:** Automotive antifreeze is accepted. A separate tank is provided, usually near the used oil tank. Residents must ensure they use the correct receptacle.<sup>7</sup>
- **Paint:** Both latex and oil-based paints are accepted, but disposal incurs a specific fee of \$6.00 per can.<sup>7</sup> This differs significantly from the free disposal (with quantity limits) offered at Keep Cobb Beautiful events.
- **Propane Tanks:** Accepted for disposal, with a fee of \$15.00 per tank.<sup>7</sup>
- **Items Containing Freon:** Appliances such as refrigerators and air conditioners containing Freon are accepted. A \$5.00 fee applies for Freon extraction, in addition to potential weight-based disposal charges. These items should be deposited at a designated area near the scrap metal pile, not mixed with general scrap.<sup>7</sup>
- **Automotive Batteries:** While frequently collected at KCB events <sup>6</sup>, the county's primary page for the Transfer Station <sup>7</sup> does not explicitly list automotive batteries as a standard drop-off item outside of events. Residents should verify acceptance

directly with the facility or utilize KCB events or retail take-back programs.

**Other Accepted Items:** The facility also accepts general household solid waste, construction and demolition debris (e.g., plasterboard, shingles, carpet, lumber), electronics (fees apply; TVs charged regular tipping fee), scrap metal (fees apply), tires (\$15 fee each), and mattresses (\$15 fee each).<sup>7</sup>

**Fees and Restrictions:**

- **Residency:** Disposal rates differ for Cobb County residents versus non-residents. City of Acworth residents qualify for the lower in-county rates.<sup>7</sup>
- **In-County Resident Fees:** A minimum charge of \$14.00 applies for the first 400 pounds of household solid waste and construction/demolition debris. Weight exceeding 400 pounds is charged at an additional rate of \$0.03 per pound.<sup>7</sup> (Note: An older source mentioned a \$7.00 minimum <sup>11</sup>, but the \$14.00 figure is from the more current county waste disposal page <sup>7</sup>).
- **Specific Item Fees:** Additional fees apply for certain items, including Paint (\$6.00/can), Tires (\$15.00 each), Mattresses (\$15.00 each), Propane Tanks (\$15.00 each), and Freon extraction (\$5.00).<sup>7</sup>
- **Quantity Limits:** Used motor oil drop-off is limited to containers of 5 gallons or less.<sup>7</sup> No specific limits are listed for antifreeze, but practical constraints likely exist.

**Instructions:** Residents bringing specific items like electronics, motor oil, or antifreeze should inform the scale operator upon arrival. Staff will provide directions to the appropriate drop-off areas within the facility.<sup>7</sup> Correctly separating materials, especially used oil and antifreeze, into their designated tanks is essential.<sup>7</sup>

The Transfer Station offers a reliable, year-round disposal solution for commonly generated automotive fluids like used motor oil and antifreeze, as well as paint. However, this convenience comes at a cost, with both a minimum weight-based fee and specific charges for items like paint cans. Its HHW acceptance is less comprehensive than the periodic KCB events, making it suitable for immediate needs involving specific accepted fluids but less ideal for large quantities of diverse hazardous materials. The fee structure, particularly the per-can charge for paint, contrasts with the free disposal offered at KCB events, making the latter a more economical option for paint disposal if residents can store it until an event occurs.

## **2.2. Keep Cobb Beautiful (KCB) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Events**

**Event Overview:** Keep Cobb Beautiful (KCB), a county affiliate focused on environmental improvement and waste management <sup>2</sup>, organizes special HHW collection events. These events provide Cobb County residents a FREE opportunity to dispose of a wide range of household hazardous materials not typically accepted in regular trash or at the Transfer Station year-round.<sup>2</sup> The goal is to ensure these

potentially harmful substances are managed responsibly, preventing pollution of landfills and waterways.<sup>8</sup>

**Frequency and Scheduling:** Historically, these HHW events have been held annually.<sup>2</sup> However, recent events have seen an "overwhelming response," with residents arriving hours early and experiencing long wait times, indicating significant pent-up demand, possibly exacerbated by materials accumulated during the pandemic.<sup>14</sup> In response to this high demand and resident feedback, Cobb County government and KCB have stated intentions to explore options for *adding more frequent HHW drop-off events*.<sup>14</sup> As event dates are variable (the next large event is tentatively scheduled for an unspecified Saturday in 2025<sup>12</sup>), residents must consult the Keep Cobb Beautiful website ([keepcobbbeautiful.org](http://keepcobbbeautiful.org)) or contact KCB directly at 770-528-1135 for the most current information on upcoming event dates, times, and any potential changes.<sup>6</sup> Past events have occurred in months like June<sup>13</sup> and August.<sup>2</sup>

**Typical Location & Time:** The KCB HHW events are typically hosted at:

- **Location:** Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road NE (or SW), Marietta, GA 30008<sup>2</sup>
- **Time:** Usually held on a Saturday morning, for example, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.<sup>2</sup> Due to high turnout, early arrival is often recommended.<sup>12</sup>

**Participation:**

- **Eligibility:** These events are strictly for Cobb County residents. Proof of residency may be required. Commercial vehicles and waste generated by businesses are prohibited.<sup>2</sup>
- **Registration:** Pre-registration for the event may be required. Past events have used registration to assign recommended arrival times to manage traffic flow.<sup>2</sup> Residents should check KCB's event announcements for registration details.

**Accepted Materials:** KCB events accept a much broader range of HHW than the Transfer Station. Accepted items typically include<sup>6</sup>:

- **Auto Products:** Antifreeze, Auto Body Filler, Batteries (Auto/Boat - any type), Brake Fluid, Carburetor Cleaner, Car Cleaners/Waxes/Chrome Polish, Diesel Fuel, Engine Degreaser, Gasoline, Oil (used or unused), Oil Filters, Power Steering Fluid, Radiator Flushes, Transmission Fluid.
- **Garden Products:** Fertilizers, Fungicides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Pesticides, Roach/Ant Killer, Rodent Poison, Soil Fumigants, Weed Killers.
- **Household Products:** Abrasive Cleaners, Aerosols, Ammonia-Based Cleaners, Batteries (any type), Bleach Cleaners, Cooking Oil/Grease, Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs), Cosmetics, Degreasers, Deodorizers, Disinfectants, Drain Openers/Cleaners, Fire Extinguishers, Floor Cleaner & Wax, Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts, Furniture Polish, Kerosene/Lamp Oil, Mercury Switches, Metal Cleaners,

Moth Balls, Nail Polish & Remover, Oven Cleaner, Pool Chemicals, Propane/Compressed Gas Cylinders, Rug & Upholstery Cleaner, Rust & Spot Remover, Silver Cleaners, Smoke Detectors, Thermometers, Thermostats, Toilet Cleaner.

- **Paint, Hobby & Pet Products:** Adhesives, Caulks/Glue/Cement, Chemistry Sets, Driveway Sealer, Flea Collars/Powder/Sprays/Shampoos, Helium Tanks, Lacquer/Stain, Mineral Spirits, Model Airplane Paint, *Paint (latex & oil based - **STRICT LIMIT of 10 GALLONS PER VEHICLE**)*, Paint Remover/Stripper, Paint Thinners, Photographic Chemicals & Solutions, Propane tanks, Resins/Epoxy, Rubber Cement Thinner, Rust Proofing Products, Turpentine, Varnishes, Wood Preservatives.

**Items NOT Accepted:** It is crucial to note items *excluded* from the HHW events, as they are often handled through other specialized county programs <sup>6</sup>:

- Agricultural Waste
- Ammunition
- Appliances\*\* (Directed to Community Recycling Events)
- Bio-hazardous or Bio-medical Waste
- Controlled Substances\* (Directed to Medication Take Back Days)
- Electronics\*\* (Directed to Community Recycling Events)
- Explosives
- Medications of any type\* (Directed to Medication Take Back Days)
- Radioactive Materials
- Syringes/Needles
- Tires
- Trash

#### **Key Restrictions:**

- **Paint Limit:** The 10-gallon limit on paint (latex and oil-based combined) per vehicle is strictly enforced.<sup>2</sup>
- **Paint Preparation:** Residents should *not* add absorbents like kitty litter or sand to paint cans intended for these events. Combining partial cans of the same paint type (e.g., two half-empty latex cans) into one full can is acceptable and encouraged to save space.<sup>2</sup>
- **Residency:** Proof of Cobb County residency is required.
- **No Commercial Waste:** Waste from businesses is not accepted.<sup>2</sup>

These KCB events represent the most comprehensive disposal pathway for the wide array of HHW generated by households, including many toxic chemicals, solvents, pesticides, and automotive fluids not accepted year-round elsewhere. The fact that they are free for residents makes them highly attractive, particularly for items like paint where the Transfer Station charges a per-can fee. However, their historical infrequency

poses a significant challenge, requiring residents to store potentially hazardous materials for extended periods.

The county's system of separating disposal avenues – HHW events, Medication Take Back Days <sup>6</sup>, and Community Recycling Events for electronics and appliances <sup>6</sup> – while potentially efficient for processing different waste streams, creates complexity for residents. Individuals must track multiple event types, dates, and accepted item lists to ensure proper disposal for all their waste. This fragmentation might inadvertently lead to confusion or improper disposal if residents miss the appropriate event for a specific item.

Despite these logistical hurdles, the consistently high turnout and "overwhelming response" observed at recent KCB HHW events strongly suggest a high level of environmental awareness and a proactive desire among Cobb County residents to dispose of hazardous materials responsibly.<sup>8</sup> This indicates that efforts to increase the frequency or accessibility of HHW disposal options would likely be well-received and utilized by the community.

### 3. City of Acworth Guidance

**City of Acworth Public Works Role:** The City of Acworth's Public Works department manages regular sanitation services for its residents, including collection of general household garbage, yard waste, and, by appointment and for a fee (\$25 per item), large items like appliances and furniture.<sup>4</sup> However, the city does *not* operate its own dedicated drop-off facility or collection program specifically for Household Hazardous Waste.<sup>4</sup>

**Contact for Inquiries:** The City of Acworth Public Works website provides the following contact information for residents with questions specifically about disposing of household chemicals or automotive fluids <sup>18</sup>:

- **Phone:** 770-974-5233
- **Email:** publicworks@City of Acworth-ga.gov It is highly probable that inquiries made through these channels regarding HHW disposal will result in direction to the Cobb County resources detailed previously (the Transfer Station and KCB events), as these are the established primary avenues for residents in the area.

**Standard Collection Exclusions:** The City of City of Acworth's sanitation ordinance explicitly states that regular curbside collection services *will not* pick up numerous HHW items. Excluded materials include tires, batteries, construction debris, wet paint, large tree limbs/lumber, pool chemicals, and generally defined hazardous waste.<sup>4</sup> This underscores the need for residents to utilize separate, appropriate disposal methods for these materials.

**Local Ordinances:** City of Acworth actively promotes the protection of its stormwater

system and water quality. City information and ordinances highlight the prohibition of "illicit discharges" into storm drains or drainage ditches. These prohibited discharges specifically include motor vehicle fluids, hazardous waste (both industrial and household), paint, and other contaminants.<sup>3</sup> The city advises residents to properly dispose of HHW at designated locations and specifically recommends recycling motor oil and other automotive fluids.<sup>3</sup>

Essentially, the City of Acworth fulfills an informational and regulatory role regarding HHW management, rather than an operational one. It prohibits improper disposal locally and directs residents towards the infrastructure provided at the county level by Cobb County (primarily the Transfer Station and KCB events). City of Acworth residents must therefore rely on these county resources for the actual disposal of their toxic materials, fluids, and motor oil.

## 4. Other Potential Disposal Avenues

Beyond the primary county-managed resources, residents may find other potential options for specific HHW items, although these often come with different considerations regarding cost, convenience, and applicability.

### 4.1. Commercial Hazardous Waste Services

**Overview:** Several commercial environmental service companies operate in Georgia and list City of Acworth within their service areas. Examples include ADCO Environmental Services, LLC<sup>19</sup> and Special Waste Disposal.<sup>19</sup> These companies offer comprehensive hazardous waste management solutions, handling a wide array of regulated (RCRA) and non-regulated (Non-RCRA) waste streams. Their services cover collection, transportation, and disposal of materials such as industrial chemicals, solvents, acids, bases, paints, oils, batteries, contaminated debris, electronic waste, and even specialized wastes like radioactive materials.<sup>19</sup> They cater to various clients, including industrial facilities, commercial businesses, government agencies, academic institutions, and healthcare providers.<sup>19</sup>

**Applicability to Residents:** While these companies possess the technical capabilities to handle typical HHW, their services are primarily structured and priced for commercial or institutional clients generating larger quantities or specialized types of waste.<sup>19</sup> Some state resources note that while certain companies might collect small amounts of HHW from households, they often charge "high fees" for this service, which typically includes specialized collection by trained personnel and detailed disposal documentation.<sup>21</sup> This option is generally recommended for small businesses needing compliance paperwork rather than typical homeowners.<sup>21</sup> Therefore, while City of Acworth residents *could* theoretically contact companies like ADCO (at (877) 254-ADCO / 2326<sup>19</sup>) to inquire about residential HHW disposal, it is likely to be a significantly more expensive and less

convenient option compared to utilizing the established Cobb County programs (Transfer Station or KCB events) for common household quantities. Commercial services might be considered as a last resort, perhaps for unusual HHW items not accepted through county channels or if immediate disposal is required when county options are unavailable.

#### **4.2. Retail Drop-Off Programs (Motor Oil & Batteries)**

**Motor Oil:** A highly practical and often free disposal route for used motor oil exists through retail take-back programs. Many national auto parts retailers (such as AutoZone, Advance Auto Parts, O'Reilly Auto Parts) and some automotive service centers commonly accept used motor oil from the public for recycling. While specific participation by stores within City of Acworth is not confirmed in the available documentation, this is a widespread industry practice. Residents are advised to **call local auto parts stores or service centers in the City of Acworth area directly** to confirm if they accept used motor oil, inquire about any quantity limits per visit (e.g., typically up to 5 gallons), and ask about specific procedures for drop-off (e.g., pouring into a central tank, leaving in resident's container).

**Auto Batteries:** Similar retail take-back programs are common for used lead-acid automotive batteries. Auto parts stores and specialized battery retailers (like Batteries Plus Bulbs, mentioned as an option in nearby Forsyth County <sup>22</sup>) frequently accept these batteries for recycling. Sometimes, stores may offer a small credit or discount on a new battery purchase when an old one is returned. Again, residents should **call local retailers in the City of Acworth** to verify participation and procedures.

**Other Items:** Take-back programs for other HHW items at the retail level are less consistent but may exist. Some home improvement stores might accept rechargeable batteries or Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs). For finding recycling options for specific materials beyond oil and batteries, online resources like Earth911.com (recommended by both Cobb County <sup>1</sup> and the Georgia EPD <sup>21</sup>) can be valuable tools. Users can search by material type and zip code to find potential drop-off locations nearby.

Retail take-back programs, especially for used motor oil and auto batteries, provide a crucial supplement to county services. They offer convenience, are often free, and are readily available year-round, helping to bridge the gap left by the infrequency of the comprehensive KCB HHW events. Utilizing these programs for oil and batteries can simplify HHW management for residents.

### **5. Summary of Disposal Options**

The following table provides a comparative overview of the primary disposal options available to City of Acworth residents for toxic materials, fluids, and motor oil:

## City of Acworth Area HHW Disposal Options at a Glance

Option	Key Accepted Items (Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Other Fluids, Toxic Chemicals, Paint, Batteries)	Availability	Location/Access	Cost (Residents)	Key Restrictions
<b>Cobb County Transfer Station (GFL)</b> <small>7</small>	Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Paint, Propane Tanks, Freon Items. (Limited other HHW).	Year-round (Mon-Sat)	1897 County Services Pkwy, Marietta	Fees Apply: \$14 min (up to 400lbs) + \$0.03/lb over 400lbs. Specific fees for Paint (\$6/can), Propane (\$15), Freon (\$5), Tires (\$15), Mattresses (\$15).	Cobb residency for lower rates. 5-gal limit on oil containers. Limited HHW scope.
<b>Keep Cobb Beautiful (KCB) HHW Event</b> <sup>2</sup>	Motor Oil, Antifreeze, All Auto Fluids, Toxic Chemicals (Pesticides, Cleaners, Solvents), Paint, Batteries (Auto & Household), Oil Filters, etc. (Comprehensive HHW).	Periodic (Annual, aiming for more frequent)	Typically, Jim Miller Park, Marietta (Check KCB site)	FREE	Cobb residency required. 10-gallon paint limit per vehicle. No commercial waste. Registration may be required. Excludes meds, electronics, appliances (separate events).

<b>Retail Auto Parts Stores (General)</b>	Primarily Used Motor Oil, Auto Batteries. (May accept oil filters).	Year-round (Store hours)	Various local stores (Call to confirm)	Often FREE for oil & batteries.	Quantity limits may apply (e.g., 5 gal oil). Store policies vary.
<b>Commercial Services (e.g., ADCO)</b> <small>19</small>	Wide range of hazardous & special wastes (Chemicals, Solvents, Oils, Batteries, etc.).	Year-round (By arrangement)	Service provider comes to location or directs drop-off	Likely High Fees for residential quantities.	Primarily serves commercial/institutional clients. Minimum quantities may apply.

### 6. Recommendations and Best Practices

Based on the available resources and their characteristics, City of Acworth residents seeking to dispose of toxic materials, fluids, and motor oil should consider the following:

- **Choosing Options:**
  - For immediate, year-round disposal of **used motor oil and antifreeze**, the **Cobb County Transfer Station** <sup>7</sup> or **local retail auto parts stores** are the primary options. The Transfer Station involves fees <sup>7</sup>, while retail drop-off is often free but requires confirming participation with specific stores.
  - For **paint disposal**, the **KCB HHW events** offer free disposal (up to the 10-gallon limit) <sup>2</sup>, making them significantly more economical than the Transfer Station's \$6 per can fee.<sup>7</sup> Residents should plan to store paint safely until an event occurs.
  - For a **wide variety of HHW** (pesticides, cleaners, solvents, various automotive fluids beyond oil/antifreeze, batteries, etc.), the **KCB HHW events** are the most comprehensive and cost-effective solution.<sup>6</sup> Due to their infrequency, safe home storage is necessary while awaiting the next event.
  - For **automotive batteries**, **retail auto parts stores** are often the most convenient and free option. KCB events also accept them.<sup>6</sup>
  - **Commercial services** <sup>19</sup> should generally be considered only as a last resort for unusual items or circumstances due to likely high costs for residential needs.<sup>21</sup>
- **Verification:** Details regarding waste disposal programs can change. It is *highly recommended* to **always verify information before traveling to a facility or event**. Check the official Cobb County website (cobbcounty.org), the Keep Cobb Beautiful website (keepcobbbeautiful.org), or call the facilities directly (Transfer Station: 770-485-8940 <sup>7</sup>, KCB: 770-528-1135 <sup>7</sup>) to confirm current accepted items, operating hours, event dates/times/locations, fees, and any registration

requirements.<sup>6</sup>

- **Safe Handling and Transport:**

- Store HHW safely at home, out of reach of children and pets, preferably in a cool, dry area away from heat sources.
- Keep materials in their original containers whenever possible, ensuring labels are intact.
- Make sure lids are securely tightened to prevent leaks during transport.
- Transport containers upright in a sturdy box or bin to prevent tipping or spilling in the vehicle.
- **Never mix different hazardous wastes together** in the same container, as this can cause dangerous chemical reactions.<sup>21</sup>
- For sharp objects like needles or broken glass, place them in a rigid, puncture-proof container (like a detergent bottle or dedicated sharps container) before disposal, as required by City of Acworth ordinance for regular trash, and check acceptance policies for HHW facilities.<sup>4</sup>

- **Waste Reduction:** The most effective way to manage HHW is to minimize its generation. Consider purchasing less hazardous alternatives whenever possible.<sup>1</sup> Avoid buying hazardous products in bulk quantities that exceed needs, which leads to storage and disposal challenges.<sup>1</sup> Be critical of product labels and wary of potentially misleading "greenwashing" marketing claims.<sup>1</sup>

- **Improper Disposal Reminder:** Under no circumstances should HHW be poured down storm drains, sanitary sewers, onto the ground, or placed in regular household garbage bins.<sup>1</sup> These actions are harmful to the environment, potentially contaminate drinking water sources, interfere with wastewater treatment processes, and may be illegal under local ordinances.

## 7. Conclusion

City of Acworth residents have several avenues for the responsible disposal of toxic materials, fluids, and motor oil, primarily through Cobb County's infrastructure. The Cobb County Transfer Station offers a year-round option for specific items like used motor oil, antifreeze, and paint, although fees apply.<sup>7</sup> Keep Cobb Beautiful's periodic HHW events provide a free and comprehensive disposal solution for a much wider range of hazardous materials but require residents to store items between infrequent events and navigate potential registration processes and wait times.<sup>2</sup> Retail take-back programs, particularly for used motor oil and auto batteries, offer convenient and often free alternatives that supplement county services effectively. While commercial disposal services exist<sup>19</sup>, they are generally less practical and more costly for typical household needs.<sup>21</sup>

By understanding these options and planning accordingly, City of Acworth residents can effectively manage their HHW. Utilizing the available resources correctly is essential

for protecting the local environment, particularly the quality of streams, rivers, and groundwater in City of Acworth and Cobb County, and for safeguarding the health and safety of the community.<sup>1</sup> Responsible participation in these programs reflects a commitment to environmental stewardship.

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