



# PROJECT SNAPSHOT

TOXFREE WORK WITH THE NSW EPA TO COLLECT AND DISPOSE OF PROBLEM WASTES

### The issue

There are a wide range of products that we use in our homes every day that are potentially harmful if they are not disposed of correctly. These materials, known as 'problem wastes', include items like paint, car and household batteries, gas bottles, cleaning products and garden chemicals. Old, leftover and unwanted materials like these require special treatment and processing because they cannot be placed in your kerbside bins.

### The solution

NSW householders can now safely dispose of household problem wastes, free of charge, via two convenient collection systems – Household Chemical CleanOut events and permanent Community Recycling Centres.

The Household Chemical CleanOut is a mobile collection service for the safe disposal of household chemicals including cleaners, pool and hobby chemicals and pesticides. CleanOut events are held at various locations in NSW on specified dates throughout the year.

Community Recycling Centres are permanent drop-off facilities, open year round, for the safe disposal of paint, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, motor and cooking oils, car and household batteries, fluourescent tubes and globes, and smoke detectors. Many of the materials collected can be recycled if they undergo special treatment and processing. Community Recycling Centres are currently being established across NSW.

Toxfree is working with the NSW EPA to deliver these services across NSW.

### The Outcome

By 2017 NSW residents will have a network of Community Recycling Centres across the state for the safe and convenient disposal of household problem waste. These Community Recycling Centres will be complemented with Household Chemical CleanOut events to ensure the safe disposal of household chemicals.

Toxfree provides a safe, reliable and sustainable collection, transport and disposal service of potentially hazardous chemicals and wastes. Toxfree has a strong relationship with NSW EPA and will continue to provide support in their initiatives to safely dispose of problem wastes in NSW.

## PROBLEM WASTES

 Water based paint	 Oil based paint
 Fire extinguishers	 Gas bottles
 Other oils	 Smoke detectors
 Motor oils	 Household batteries
 Car batteries	 Fluoro globes and tubes

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