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“WMU hosts its own HHW to promote a healthy environment and prepare students for future home ownership. HHW bins are placed at the entrees of the dorms during student move out. Information is provided about hazardous items that should be disposed of property.”

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- To see if a material is a HHW, look for words such as 'warning,' 'caution,' 'flammable,' 'toxic,' 'poison,' 'corrosive,' 'oxidizer,' etc. on the labels.
- If you have leftover, unwanted household materials that are hazardous, it is best to routinely take them to a local HHW collection if one is available.
- Never pour HHW into a storm drain or down a drain in your home.
- If a collection is not available, contact your trash hauler to see if there are special instructions for safely disposing of the material in the regular trash.

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