

Today is the day to clean out the garage. Jefferson County officials will be accepting hazardous waste Saturday at three locations from 8 a.m. to noon: Centerpoint Courthouse, Birmingham Fairgrounds and the Bessemer Civic Center.

Here's a list of materials that will be accepted provided by the Alabama Environmental Council: Aerosols; antifreeze, car batteries, motor oil, and tires; paint & thinners, stains & varnish; pesticides & herbicides; auto & furniture polish; wood preservatives; alkaline batteries; caulk & glue; chemical drain cleaner; solvents; ammunition, explosives, firearms, gun powder, pyrotechnics & flares. BONUS — the nasty, hard-to-get-rid of mercury and fluorescents will also be taken.

Do your part for the Earth by disposing hazardous waste properly. Or in this case, get someone to do it for you.