

## Protecting Our Water Resources: Proper Hazardous Waste Disposal

### **SEE: What is hazardous waste?**

Some products we use in and around our homes can harm people and pollute our rivers, lakes, and drinking water. These items are called “household hazardous waste”. Examples are cleaning products like bleach, medication, drain cleaners, paint, pesticides, antifreeze, and motor oil.



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### **JUDGE: How can I help protect our water resources?**

Pope Francis reminds us, “Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic systems” (Laudato Si’, 28). Household hazardous waste requires safe disposal, and it should never be dumped down household or storm drains, thrown in the trash, or dumped on the ground. Through proper hazardous waste disposal we help protect our life-sustaining water resources from contamination, and we contribute to the common good—for our brothers and sisters and all eco-systems.

### **ACT: How do I properly dispose of household hazardous waste?**

- **Rochester Hills residents use SOCRRA** at 9595 Coolidge Rd. in Troy. Prior to drop-off, get details and must make an appointment at <https://www.socrra.org/> and purchase a \$10 SOCRRA voucher from the Rochester Hills City Clerk (in person or online). Bring printed voucher and proof of residency. Electronics recycling included.
- **Oakland Township and Rochester residents use NoHaz.** Oakland Township residents must pay \$15, free to Rochester residents. Electronics recycling included. Check website for next collection event, to pre-register, pay, and get details: <https://www.oakgov.com/community/community-development/waste-recycling/nohaz>
- **All/Other Cities:** Go to your city’s website and search on “hazardous waste” to get details.
- **Medication** can be disposed of at Meijer pharmacies and through Operation Medicine Cabinet (for police station drop-off sites see website <https://www.oakgov.com/government/sheriff/community-services/domestic-safety/operation-medicine-cabinet.>)



**What actions do you take? We want to hear from you!**

### **Parishioner Season of Creation Survey**

Tell us what good habits you as an individual or your family practice at home to care for the Earth. Complete a short survey by [clicking this link](#) or scan the QR code. We will share the results at the end of Season of Creation as a way to learn from each other about good actions we can take!

