# Detox your Home is coming to Colac!

Saturday 15 July 2023 2.00pm to 4.00pm Colac Regional Saleyards, 55 Colac-Ballarat Road, Colac East

Safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals at a free Detox your Home event, without harming your health or the environment.

Household chemicals such as bleach, pesticides, weed killers, cleaning products, cosmetics, and cooking oil should never be put in your rubbish bins or poured down the drain.

Detox your Home events are drive-through and contactless.

## Why dispose of household chemicals?

Household chemicals can be dangerous. They may harm your family and pets, add extra fuel to a house fire, release toxic fumes and pollute the environment.

Disposing of these items responsibly will:

- reduce the risk of poisoning, keeping your family, friends and pets safe
- keep toxic chemicals out of waterways, and
- minimise environmental pollution and fire hazards.

### What happens to the chemicals?

Qualified chemists sort the chemicals, placing them in sealed drums to be transported to a specialist waste treatment plant. The majority of chemicals collected at Detox your Home events are recycled or used for suitable purposes, such as producing energy. Any chemicals that cannot be repurposed are safely disposed of after being treated.



#### **Detox your Home accepts:**

Acids and alkalis Aerosol cans Ammonia based cleaners Anti-freeze, coolant **Brake fluid** Car body filler Car care products and waxes Cooking oil Cosmetics, nail polish and remover Detergents, bleach, disinfectants and drain cleaner Fertilisers **Fire extinguishers** Floor-care products and waxes Fuels: petrol, diesel, kerosene, other Glues: water-based and solvents

Hand sanitiser Herbicides and weed killers Insect spray and pesticides incl. rat poison Oven cleaner Pool chemicals Solvents Thinners, turps and paint stripper Transmission fluid Wood preservatives and finishes And other items found at home with these symbols:



For a full list of chemicals accepted, visit: www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepteditems

For safety reasons we can't accept containers of more than 20 litres or 20 kilograms. Please bring chemicals in their original packaging or in disposable containers that will not be returned to you.

#### Detox your Home does not accept:

Ammunition or firearms	Fluorescent light bulbs, compact
Asbestos	fluorescent lamps and tubes
Batteries: car and household varieties	Gas bottles
Chemicals used by businesses	Motor oil
Farm chemicals	Paint*

\* Household paint can be dropped at no charge at any Paintback location. For details see Paintback.com.au/find-location

For information on where to dispose of the above products, contact your local council.



### **Colac Event**

To register for this event, simply scan the QR code or visit **sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome** 

You can also call **1300 363 744**.

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