

**Recycling solutions for Items that shouldn't go in the trash**  
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Batteries	Rechargeable – safe free recycling at RadioShack or BatteriesPlus Alkaline – Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility
Light Bulbs	Incandescent & halogen are considered non-toxic and can go in the trash Fluorescent – some Home Depot's, IKEA, or search <a href="http://www.recycleabulb.com">www.recycleabulb.com</a>
Prescription Drugs	DO NOT flush down the drain. <a href="http://www.takebackyourmeds.org">www.takebackyourmeds.org</a> to find places to recycle.
Aerosol Cans	Take them to Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility
Computers & Electronics	Find responsible e-waste recyclers – check out the Texoma Earth Day Festival Recycling also Choctaw Going Green E-Waste Collections
Hair (human and pet)	Can be composted, great for fertilizing non-edible plants. If you are cutting off 10 or more inches of non-bleached hair, consider donating it to <a href="http://www.locksoflove.org">www.locksoflove.org</a>
Bacon fat or cooking oils	DO NOT wash down the drain. Bacon fat can be strained into a jar and saved in the refrigerator as a substitute for cooking oil. Place small amounts of other oil in tightly sealed, unbreakable containers with absorbent material like paper towels or coffee grounds for regular trash. Find a collection center in your area to be recycled into auto fuel
Used Motor Oil	Pour into leak proof container with secure lid, mark as "Used Motor Oil" take to Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility. (Don't use containers that once held household cleaners, chemicals or solvents)
Paints & stains, thinners	Take them to Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility. For paint & stains you can remove cover and let it dry out. When can is empty and completely dry they can be recycled at a scrap metal facility
Lawn & Garden Chemicals	Use non-toxic alternatives when possible. Toxic ones should be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility
Plastic lighters	Bic lighters can be refilled – <a href="http://www.ehow.com/how_6345382_refill-disposable-bic-lighters.html">http://www.ehow.com/how_6345382_refill-disposable-bic-lighters.html</a> Take others to Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility
Brita water filters	Send to Preserve Product's recycling program <a href="http://www.preserveproducts.com/">www.preserveproducts.com/</a> or drop off at Whole Food Market in Addison
Glass thermometers	With mercury (usually silver liquid) and not marked "mercury free" Take them to Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility. If one breaks at home check out <a href="http://www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/#thermometer">http://www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/#thermometer</a> for proper cleanup
Plastic Bags (including storage bags)	They can be recycled. If your local recycle program doesn't include them check out grocery stores in your area or check <a href="http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org">www.plasticfilmrecycling.org</a>
Cleaning Supplies (non-organic)	Take unused to Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility. Check out <a href="http://goodwifeinthekitchen.blogspot.com/2009/07/go-green-green-cleaning.html">http://goodwifeinthekitchen.blogspot.com/2009/07/go-green-green-cleaning.html</a> to learn to make your own.
Cosmetics & their containers	Take to any Origins store or Origins counter in department store), or Aveda, M.A.C. and Kiehl's (all brands). There is an Origins store at Sephora 919 Garden Park Drive in Allen, and at the Stone Briar Mall
Tires	Can be recycled at almost any car dealer or tire service center (may be a charge)
Old Appliances	Take them to a facility that recycles appliances. Best buy (stores.bestbuy.com), 69/82 Metal Recyclers ( <a href="http://www.6982metal.com">www.6982metal.com</a> ), Sherman Recycling Department 903-892-7218
Unexploded fireworks	Soak small amounts in water overnight, then place in plastic garbage bag. Check with police and fire departments in your area – some will take them.
Glue and adhesives	Let them dry completely, or spread thin layers on cardboard or newspapers and let them dry. They may then be disposed of in the trash. Without drying take to Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility