

5.5 Liquid Waste

Examples of liquid waste include used oil or fish oil from processing plants. Liquid products of a gallon or more cannot be disposed of in the landfill. (18 AAC 60.360)

If the liquid is a household hazardous waste, such as drain cleaner, it cannot be disposed of in the landfill in any quantity.

What is liquid waste?

There are a few ways to determine if a waste is considered a liquid waste:

If the waste can be poured out of a container at room temperature, it is probably liquid waste.

If puddles or pooled liquid are visible in the container of waste, it is probably a liquid waste.

Use the paint filter test – place some of the material in a paint filter or coffee filter for 5 minutes. If any liquid drips through, it is considered a liquid waste.

How to inform the community about liquid waste disposal restrictions:

Create an outreach program to let the residents, stores, schools, etc. know that liquid products of a gallon or more cannot be disposed of in the landfill.

Ideally, the community should have a collection and/or reuse program for these items. The reuse program should have a way to ensure that the items stay warm so that they do not freeze, making them unusable for reuse.



Common sources of liquid waste.

Other resources:

See the household hazardous waste section and used oil sections of the manual.