



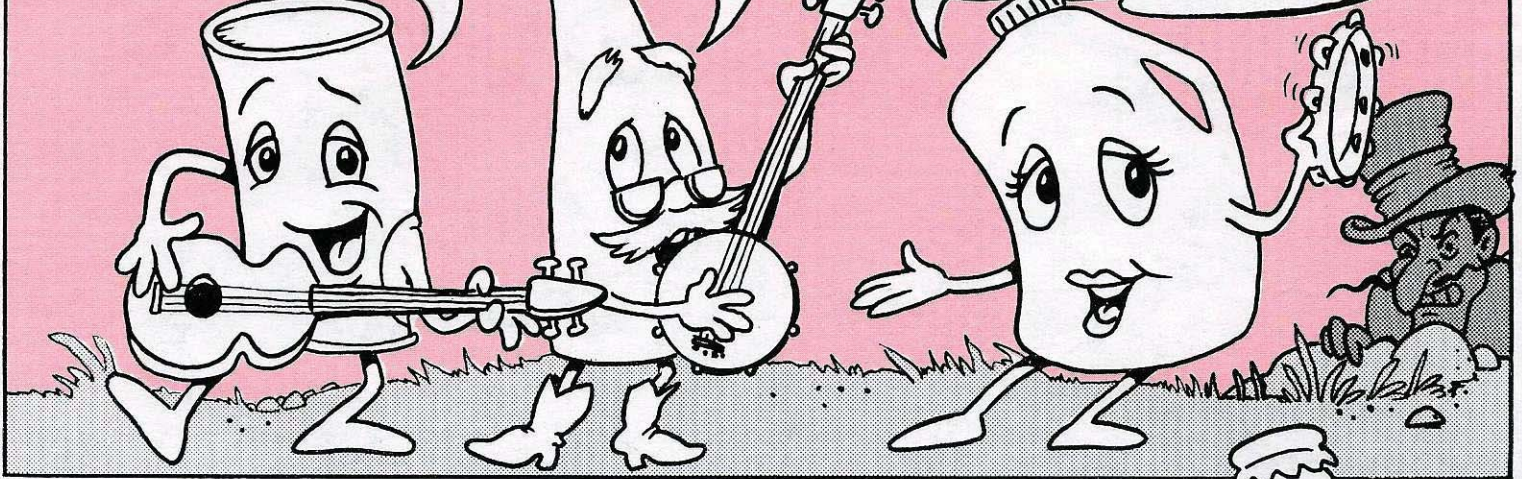
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



THE CASE OF THE BARON WASTE IN YOUR HOUSE

FEATURING
STEELY CAN
AND HIS RECYCLIN' BAND®
WITH POLLY ETHYLENE AND POP BOTTLE

LITTER AND POLLUTION HAVE AN UGLY FACE -
HE'S SNEAKY AND HE'S NASTY! HE'S CALLED THE **BARON WASTE!**
HE WANTS TO RUIN OUR WATER, OUR AIR, AND OUR LAND -
BUT **WE** CAN BEAT THE **BARON WASTE** IF YOU WILL LEND
A HAND!



HI! I'M STEELY CAN - AND THIS
IS MY RECYCLIN' BAND -
"POP" BOTTLE AND "POLLY" ETHYLENE.
WE'RE TRAVELIN' ACROSS TEXAS
IN SEARCH OF THE **BARON WASTE**.

THAT SNEAKY RASCAL IS
EVERYWHERE! WHY, I BET HE'S
EVEN HIDING IN YOUR HOME!

BUT - HOW ARE
WE GOING TO
FIND HIM?

I KNOW HOW! LET'S GO TO
BEAT THE BARON WASTE
DETECTIVE SCHOOL AND
BECOME HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE DETECTIVES! COME ON!
- AND YOU CAN BE **HHWD'S**, TOO!



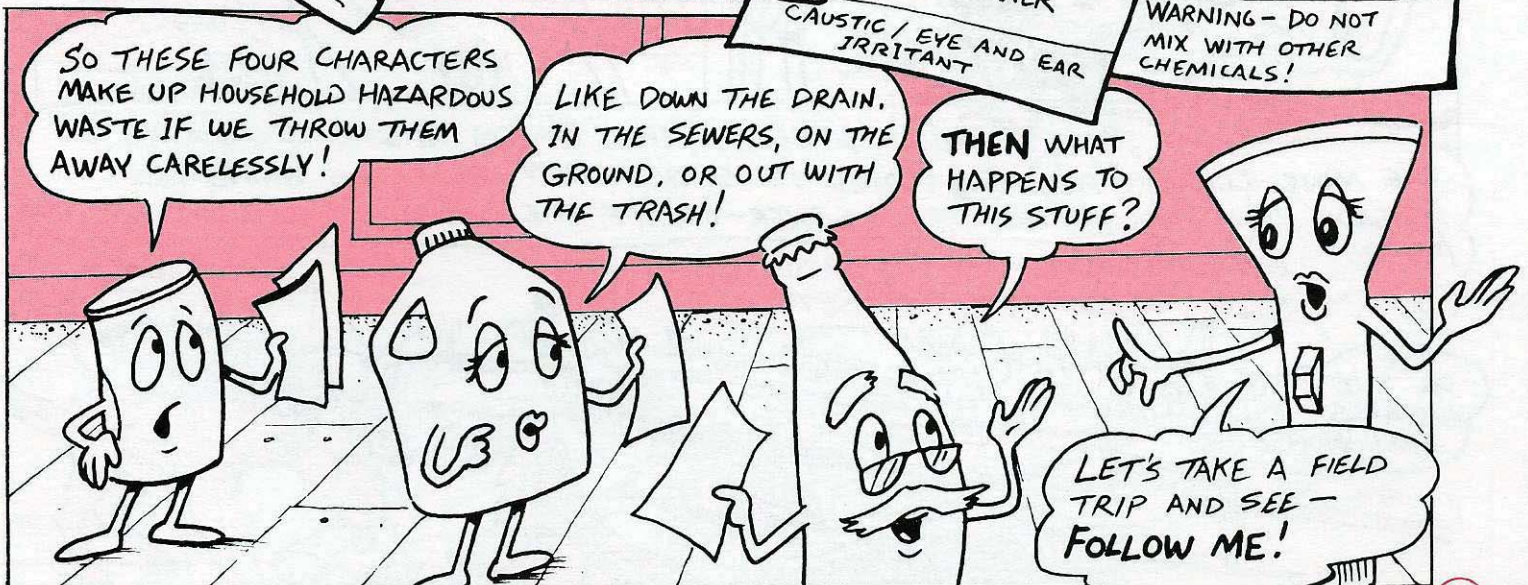
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EARLY THE NEXT MORNING

AT THE BEAT THE BARON WASTE DETECTIVE SCHOOL,
CHIEF INSPECTOR FLASH RAN INTO THE ROOM.....



THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT! STUDY THESE WANTED POSTERS CAREFULLY— THESE ARE THE FOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CHARACTERS THE BARON IS WORKING WITH: **FLAMMABLE**, **TOXIC**, **CORROSIVE**, AND **REACTIVE**.

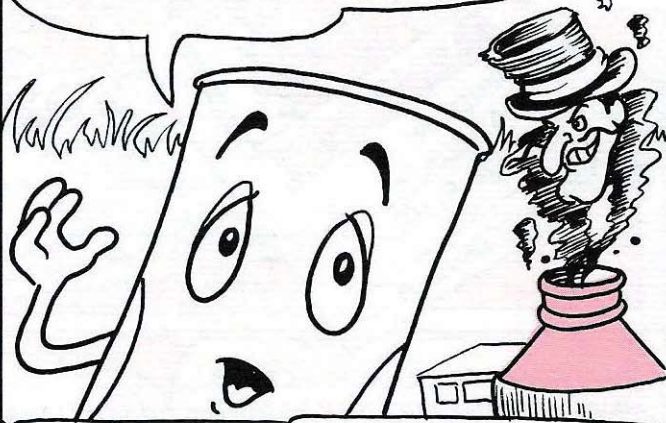
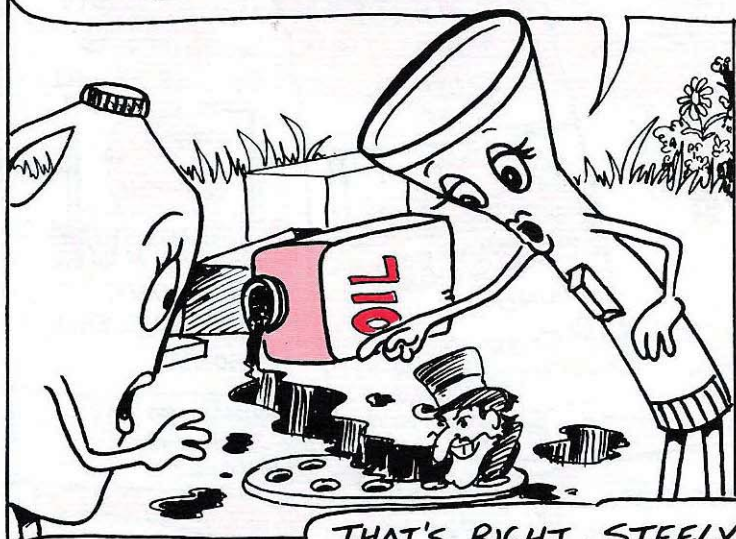


JUST AS I FEARED! THE BARON WASTE IS HERE- AND NO ONE SUSPECTS A THING!

ARE YOU SURE? I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE!

LOOK AT THIS! - WHEN SOMEONE POURS MOTOR OIL OR SOME OTHER HAZARDOUS STUFF DOWN A STORM SEWER - OR ON THE GROUND - THEY'RE HELPING THE BARON POLLUTE OUR WATER!

WOW! THAT MEANS HE'S IN OUR BACK YARDS, TOO!

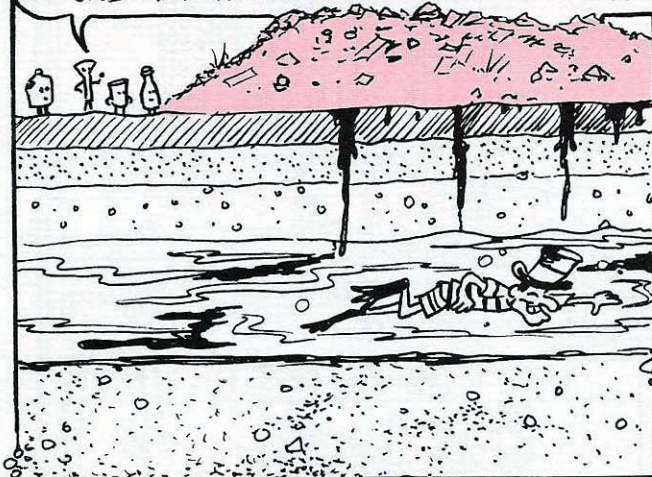


THAT'S RIGHT, STEELY! THE BARON WASTE IS ALWAYS ON THE MOVE LOOKING FOR NEW PLACES TO SPILL - THAT HAZARDOUS WASTE HAS ALREADY RUN THROUGH THE STORM SEWER - OR OFF THE GROUND - AND RIGHT INTO THE RIVER.

NOTHING COULD MAKE THE BARON WASTE FEEL BETTER!

- OR THE ANIMALS FEEL WORSE!

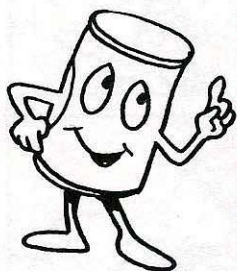




See how many times you can find the Baron Waste on the last two pages. If you found him 12 times, you're a sharp detective, and you're ready for your first case! So, turn the page and help Steely, Pop, and Polly find the Baron Waste in YOUR HOUSE!



Okay, rookies! It's time to track down the Baron! Find the "Home Checklist" and the "Beat the Baron Waste" stickers enclosed with this book. Now grab a pencil and let's get going!



BEFORE WE GET STARTED, REMEMBER -

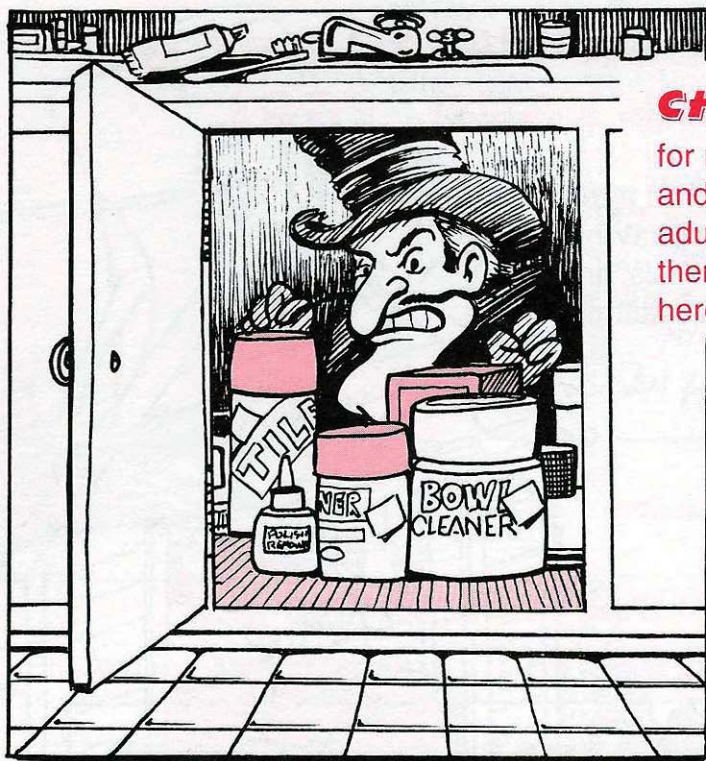
Steely says: A good *Household Hazardous Waste Detective (HHWD)* **NEVER** touches anything that could be dangerous. Ask an adult to apply stickers to the hazardous products, while you check them on the checklist. **ALSO**, an *HHWD* makes sure that **ANYONE** who touches these products washes their hands afterwards.

NOW LET'S FIND THE BARON WASTE AND KICK HIM OUT!

WE'LL START IN THE KITCHEN.

Look for drain, oven, rug, and upholstery cleaners, abrasive cleaners, ammonia, or ammonia-based cleaners. Also floor, furniture, or metal polishes. Have an adult place a sticker on each can, box, or bottle of this stuff. Then check them off your checklist. There! Now the Baron has no place to hide in the kitchen!





CHECK THE BATHROOMS

for nail polish remover, toilet bowl cleaners, tub and tile cleaners, and old thermometers. After an adult puts stickers on them and you've checked them off the list, the Baron Waste will not like it here.

NOW, ON TO THE LAUNDRY ROOM!

Look for detergents, fabric softeners, chlorine bleach, and mothballs. Sticker them and check them off. We can clean clothes just fine without the dirty old Baron around.

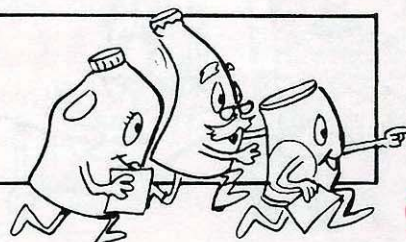


WHEREVER YOU DO CRAFTS OR HOBBIES,

look for glues, paints, varnishes, solvents, photographic chemicals, and household batteries. Have an adult sticker them, so you can enjoy crafts without letting the Baron loose.

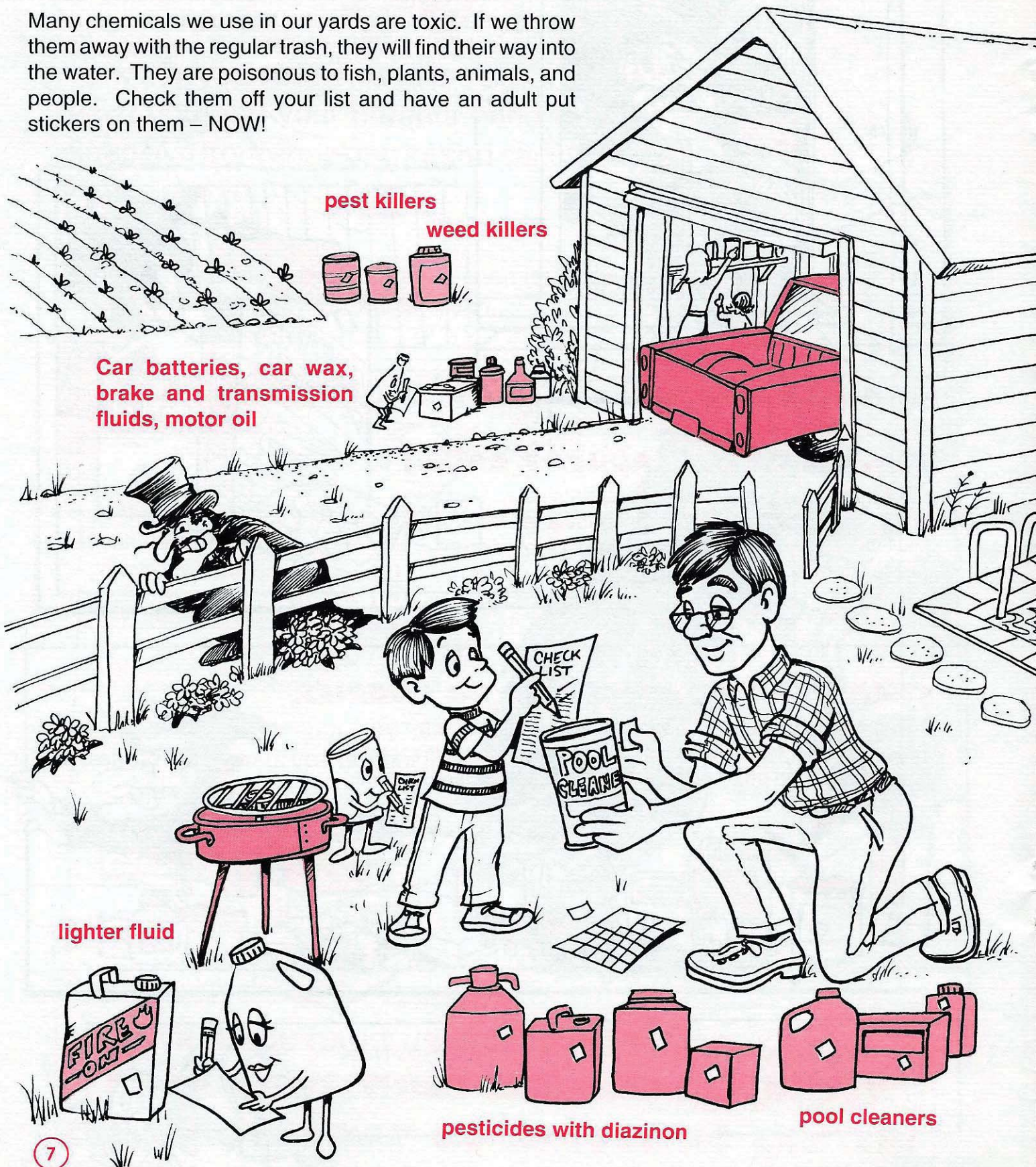


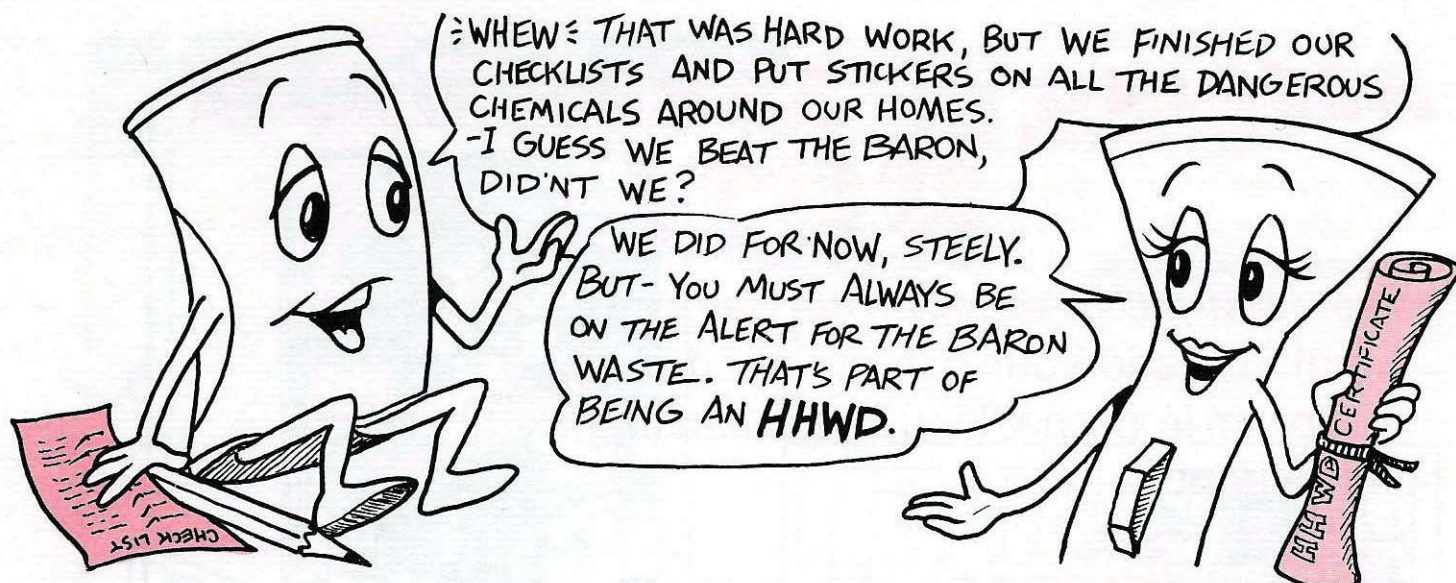
Now that we've found the Baron Waste in your home, it's time to find him in your yard and garage, too. Remember to take an adult with you. Come on!



LET'S KICK THE BARON WASTE OUT OF THE GARAGE AND YARD, TOO!

Many chemicals we use in our yards are toxic. If we throw them away with the regular trash, they will find their way into the water. They are poisonous to fish, plants, animals, and people. Check them off your list and have an adult put stickers on them – NOW!

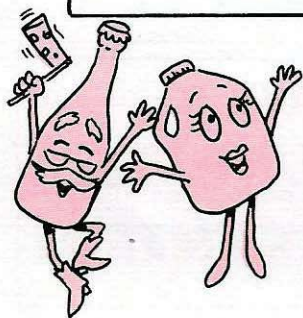




If you and your parents have completed your checklist, you have earned the right to take the official HHWD oath:

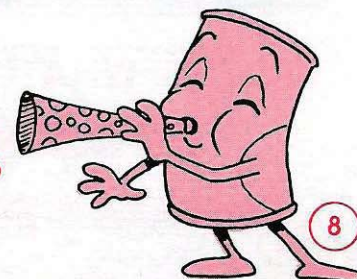
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DETECTIVE OATH

- Read all directions on containers and follow them carefully. Use chemicals only as directed.
- Protect yourself. Wear gloves, safety goggles, aprons, or masks when directions tell you to.
- Wash hands after handling chemical containers.
- Keep doors and windows open when using a toxic chemical, or use the chemical outdoors.
- Do not spray pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides outdoors when it's windy.
- Clean up spills immediately. Wear rubber gloves for protection.
- Store hazardous chemicals in a cool, dry place, in their original containers. Make sure lids are securely fastened.
- Never mix, combine, or consolidate chemicals.
- Make sure no one smokes near hazardous chemicals.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy.
- USE ENVIRONMENTALLY-SAFE PRODUCTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE!



CONGRATULATIONS!

You are now an official HHWD. Just bring your Home Checklist to Collection Day, or turn it in to your teacher, and you will receive your official HHWD CERTIFICATE.



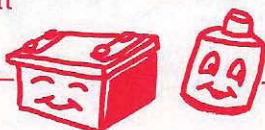
KEEPING THE BARON WASTE OUT!

Now that you've identified the Baron, here's what you and your parents need to do to keep him from sneaking in and causing any more trouble.

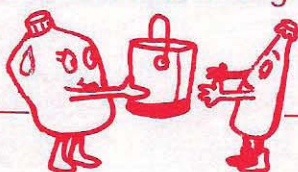


NEVER throw hazardous chemicals away with your regular trash.

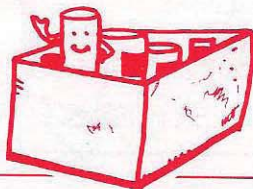
Batteries, motor oil, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and antifreeze can be recycled at your local service station.



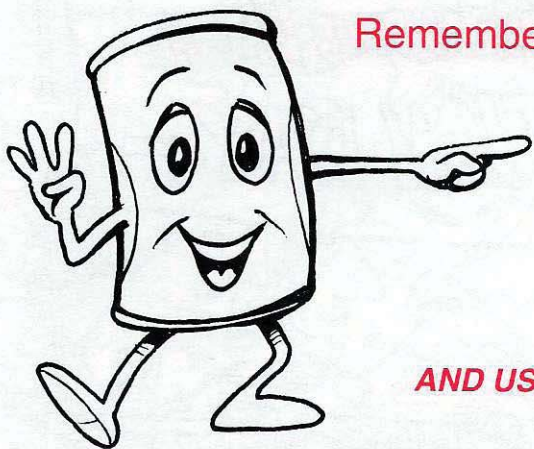
Don't throw away car wax, paint, and other things that can be used up. Give them to a neighbor, friend, or organization that can use them.



Store chemicals in a cool, dry place, in the same containers you bought them in. Keep lids on tight!



**WHAT YOU CAN'T USE UP OR RECYCLE, TAKE TO
YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION DAY OR RECYCLING CENTER!**



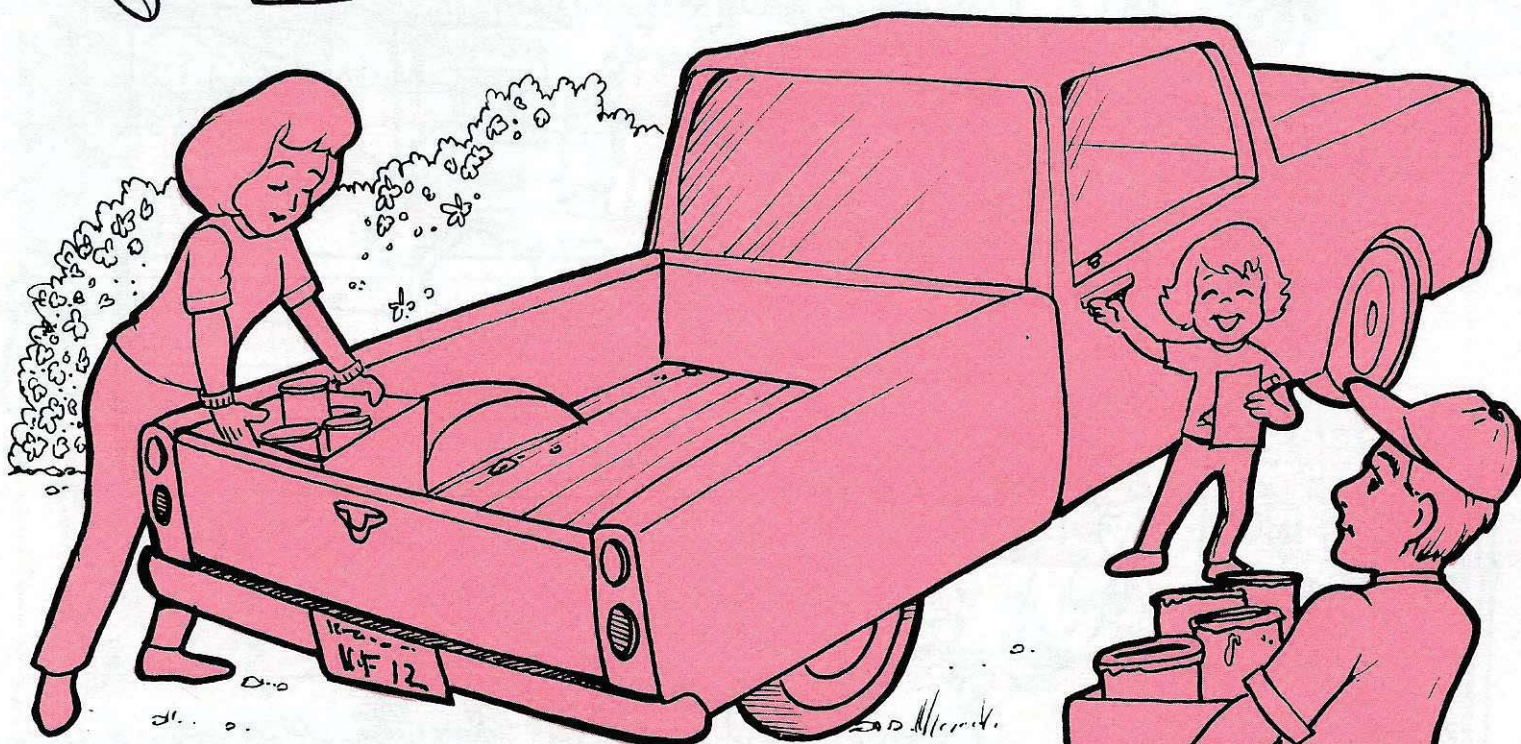
Remember the 3 R's of a clean environment:

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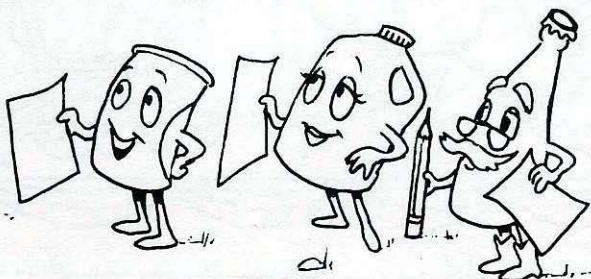
REUSE

RECYCLE

AND USE ENVIRONMENTALLY-SAFE PRODUCTS!

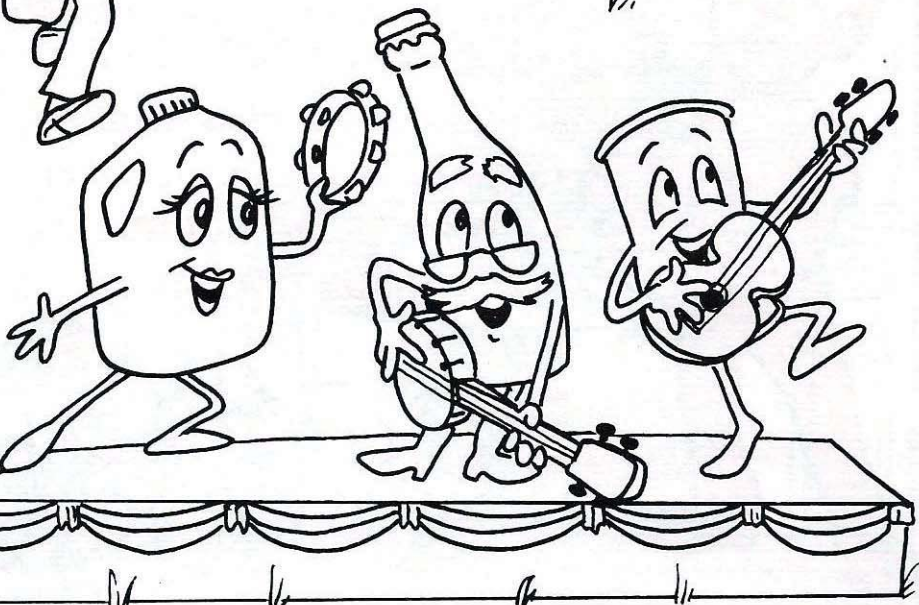
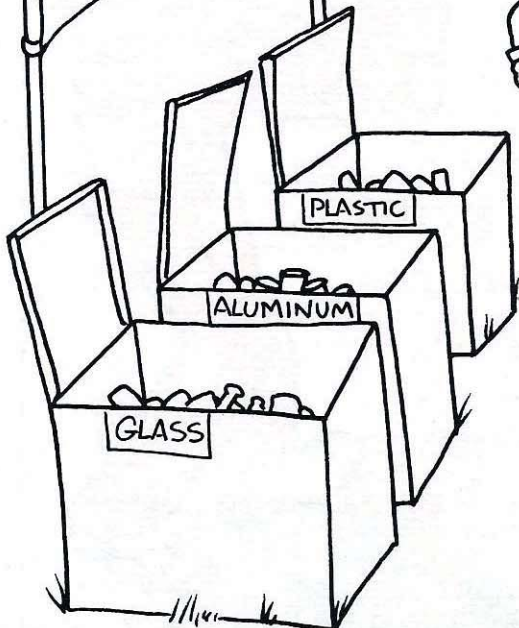
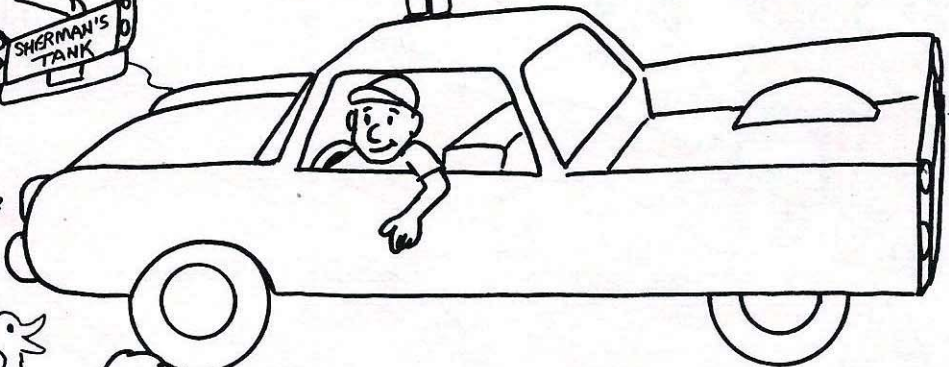
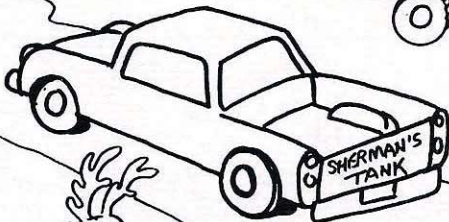
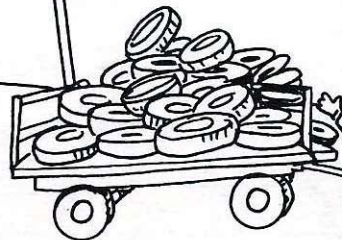


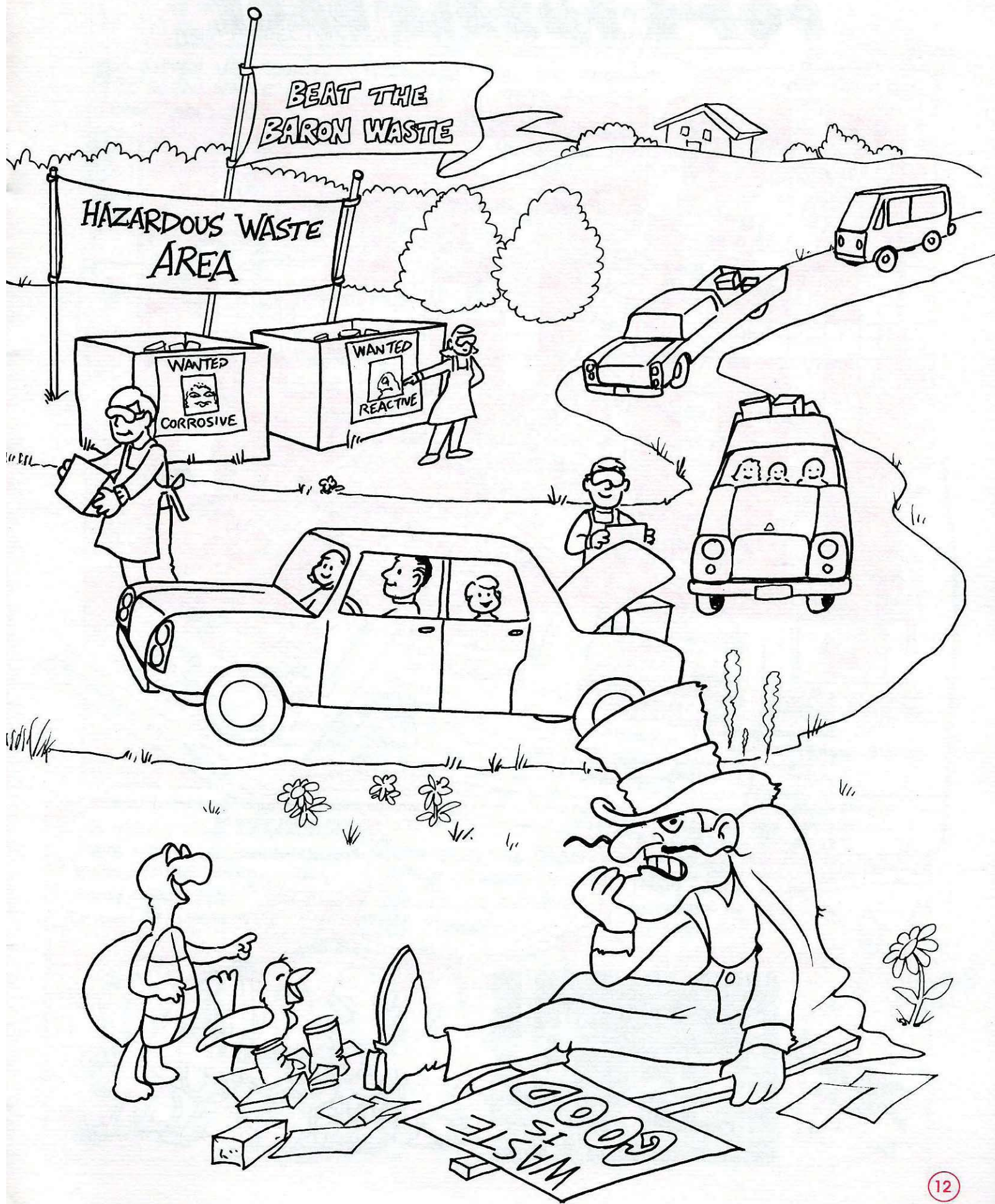
When your parents pack *Household Hazardous Waste* in cartons for Collection Day, be sure to remind them of the *HHWD* safety rules on Page 8. Keep products in original containers. **Do not mix, combine, or consolidate them.**



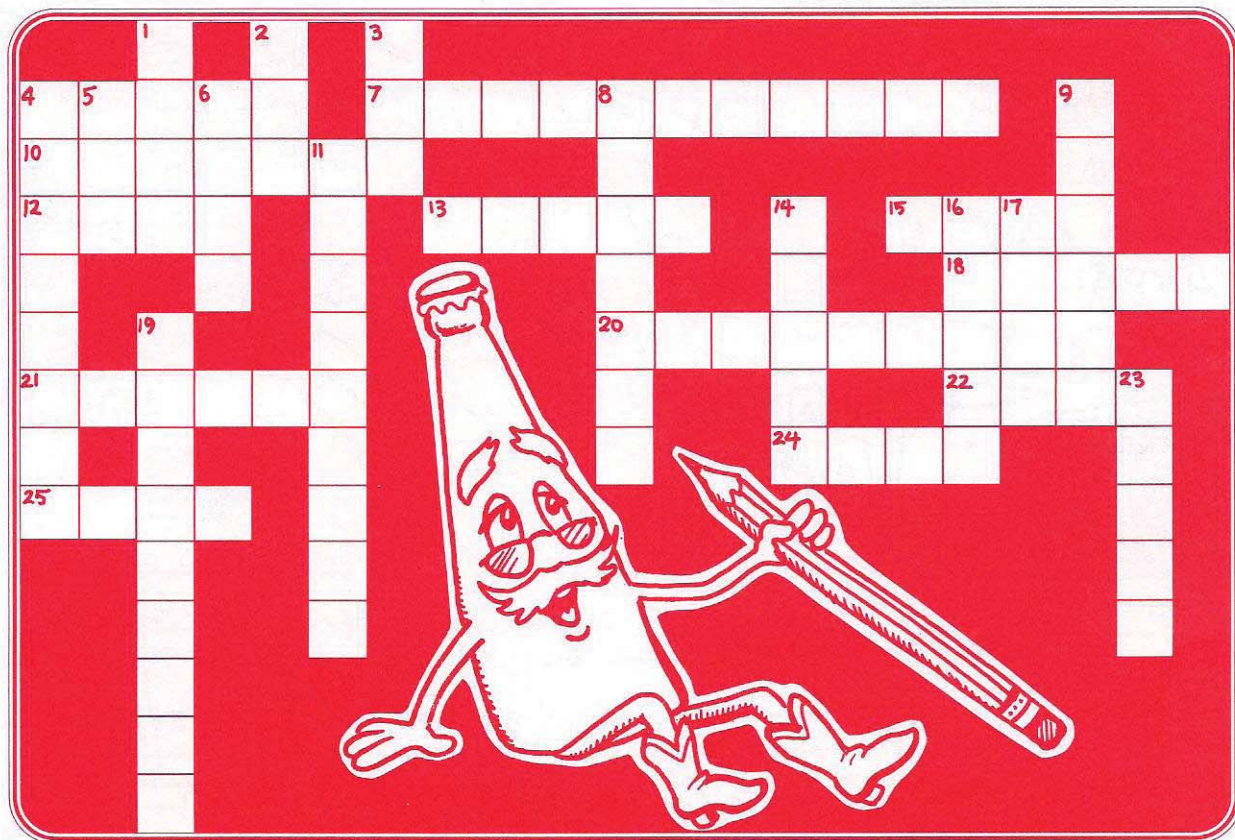
FOR YOU
TO COLOR....

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE - COLLECTION DAY -





POP'S PUZZLE PAGE



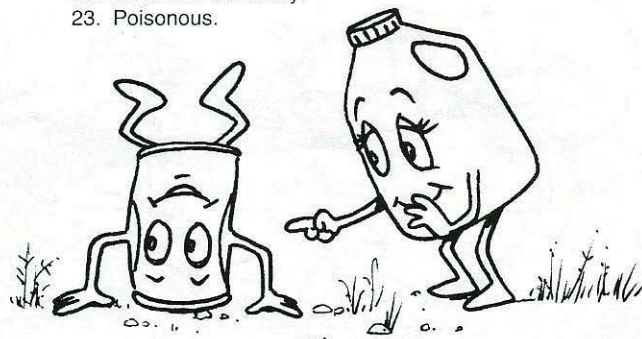
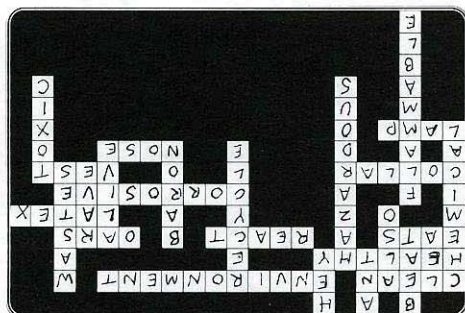
Across

4. Opposite of dirty.
7. HHWD's protect our _____.
10. In good health.
12. Swallows food.
13. When chlorine mixes with ammonia, it will _____ to form a poisonous gas.
15. Used to row a boat.
18. The kind of paint that is non-toxic.
20. Chemicals that corrode.
21. Flea killer is on your pet's flea _____.
22. Beneath his cloak, the Baron wears a _____.
24. The Baron Waste has a long _____ (rhymes with hose).
25. _____ Shade.

Down

1. To defeat.
2. A little insect.
3. What you yell to catch someone's attention.
4. Most hazardous products are _____ compounds.
5. A grove or meadow.
6. Too.
8. What we should do with paper, aluminum, and glass.
9. When someone doesn't recycle he _____ resources.
11. "HHW" stands for Household _____ Waste.
14. "Beat The _____ Waste."
16. "Wanted: Dead Or Alive!"
17. If the Baron Waste doesn't get his way he will rant and _____!
19. Will catch fire easily.
23. Poisonous.

ANSWERS



HOW TO BEAT THE BARON WASTE

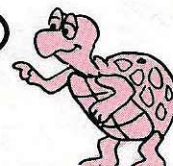
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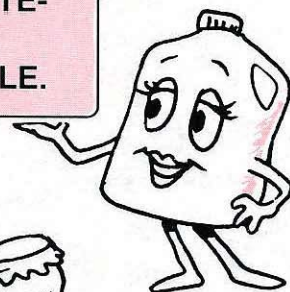


RECYCLE



1.

HOW TO IDENTIFY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE-
Look for the following words on labels:
WARNING, CAUTION, DANGER, POISON, FLAMMABLE.



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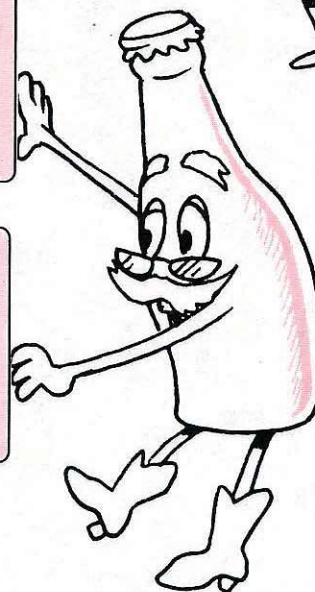
USE THEM UP

Be sure to follow directions carefully. Share with a neighbor or friend those items you have no need for. Example: leftover paint to a school or charity.

3.

STORE SAFELY IN A COOL PLACE

Between collection events or trips to the recycling center, keep all hazardous products in their original containers. Do not mix, combine, or consolidate them.

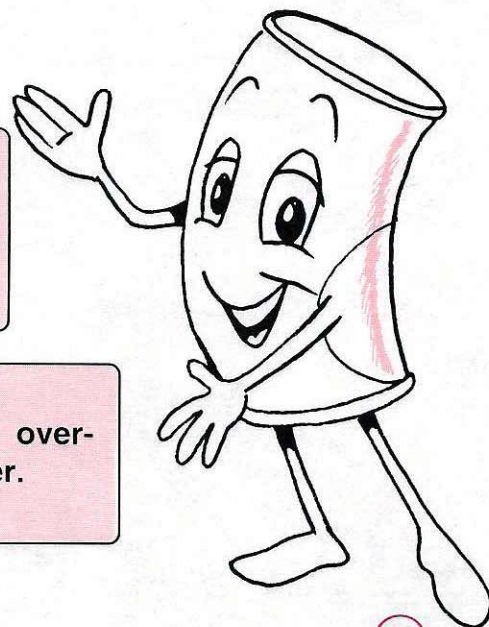


4.

RECYCLE OR TAKE TO A COLLECTION SITE
Never throw hazardous products away with your regular trash.

5.

USE ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE PRODUCTS
Look for products that say: Environmentally safe, Biodegradable, No phosphorus, non-toxic, non-caustic.



6.

DON'T LET PRODUCTS GO TO WASTE
Buy only what is needed for the job. Avoid over-purchasing with the thought it can be used later.

