

SASKATCHEWAN HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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1. INTRODUCTION

The Saskatchewan Household Hazardous Waste Product Stewardship Program (“Program”) is operated and managed by Product Care Association of Canada (“Product Care”). Product Care is a federally incorporated, not-for-profit product stewardship association formed in response to stewardship (Extender Producer Responsibility) regulations and is governed by a multi-sector industry board of directors.

This annual report is prepared in accordance with the requirements outlined in The Household Hazardous Waste Products Stewardship Regulations (“Regulation”) issued under The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010 and the Household Hazardous Waste Product Stewardship Program Plan (“Program Plan”) approved by the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment on June 16, 2025. This report provides information for the period covering January 1 – December 31, 2025.

The members of the Program are the obligated “first sellers” or “stewards” (manufacturers, distributors, and retailers) pursuant to the Regulation regarding the following product categories:

- Flammables materials
- Corrosives materials
- Toxics materials
- Physically hazardous materials
- Pesticides

The Program is funded by membership fees, known as Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs), remitted to Product Care by its members based on the volume of sales of designated Program Products in or into the province. In some cases, retailers recover this expense as a separate visible EHF to consumers. The EHF rates are set by Product Care. Program revenues are applied to the operation of the Program, including administration, communication and outreach, collection, transport, and processing of collected Program Products, as well as the maintenance of a reserve fund.

Product Care operates product stewardship programs for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) or Hazardous & Special Products (HSP) in five other Canadian provinces: British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, and Ontario and Quebec. Product Care also operates programs for paint in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland & Labrador; Lights in British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and alarms in British Columbia. See the Product Care website at www.productcare.org for more information.

2. PROGRAM SUMMARY

Pursuant to Table 1 of the Regulations, The Program accepts the following categories of products (“Program Products”):

- Waste Household Hazardous Materials including
 - Flammable materials
 - Corrosive materials
 - Physically hazardous materials
 - Toxic materials; or
 - Environmentally hazardous materials including those materials that meet the criteria of being “toxic” and either “persistent” or “bioaccumulate”
- Pesticides

The Program offers collection services (collection sites and collection events) throughout the province where consumers can bring leftover Program Products. Collected products are shipped to a processor for treatment and responsible disposal.

The Program has established an advisory committee in Saskatchewan, composed of representatives from NGOs, local governments, and industry to allow various stakeholder input and feedback.

3. COLLECTION SYSTEM

At the launch of the Program, there were no permanent facilities in the province for the collection of HHW products. Recognizing the time required to establish collection sites, the Program committed to operating collection events in the interim. Due to the hazardous nature of some of the Program Products, establishing permanent collection sites presents significant challenges and takes considerable time. The collection of Program Products is best suited to sites already involved in waste management, such as transfer stations and landfills. Unlike the collection systems for other products, such as paper and packaging or beverage containers, the collection of Program Products has more stringent requirements. Collection sites are required to provide secure, weather-protected storage and supervised public access, and to comply with applicable municipal, provincial, occupational health and safety, transportation of dangerous goods, and environmental regulatory requirements. Sites must maintain appropriate hazardous waste handling, storage, spill prevention, emergency response, and recordkeeping procedures in accordance with Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment and Program requirements.

In 2025, Product Care contracted with service providers and communities to provide seven collection sites and 51 collection events across Saskatchewan. Consumers can drop off leftover Program Products at no charge at these sites and events throughout the province. Product Care continues to work on establishing additional collection sites in Saskatchewan. Establishing collection sites remains a goal for the program, which in turn reduces the number of collection events needed yearly.

Table 1 details the permanent collection sites and their locations.

Table 1: Location of Collection Sites

Collection Sites		
Collection Site Name	City	Location
City of Regina Household Hazardous Materials Depot	Regina	Donald St in the Northeast Quadrant
North Valley Waste Regional Landfill	R.M. of North Qu'Appelle	NW 1/4 21-21-13 W2W
QM Environmental Saskatoon Waste Transfer Facility	Saskatoon	818 48th St. East
Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre	Saskatoon	Valley Road
SaskAbilities (Yorkton Branch)	Yorkton	180 Ball Road
Protex Environmental	Meadow Lake	19 Industrial Crescent
North Battleford Waste Management Facility	North Battleford	2101 130 St SW 15-44-16 W3M

The program operated 51 collection events in 2025, held across 46 communities. Some communities held multiple collection events during the year. Table 2 details the communities serviced by collection events in 2025.

Table 2: Location of Collection Events held in 2025

Communities	
Agrium Potash Vanscoy mine	Moose Jaw
Allan	Muskoday First Nation
Balgonie	Nutrien Mine Patience Lake
Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation	Nutrien Potash Cory Mine
Carlyle	Nutrien Potash Lanigan
Dalmeny	Ochapowace First Nation
Davidson	Outlook
Edenwold	Piapot Cree Nation
File Hills (George FN)	Potash Nutrien Allan Mine
File Hills - Fort Quepelle - Waterhen	Prince Albert
File Hills - Kawacatoose	REACT Humboldt
File Hills Onion lake First Nation	REACT Wakaw
File Hills Thunderchild First Nation	REACT Watrous
Flying Dust First Nation	Red Pheasant (Cree Nation)
Foam Lake	Shaunavon
Gravelbourg	Spiritwood
Kamsack	Sweetgrass & Poundmaker FN
Lac La Ronge	Swift Current
Little Pine	Waldheim
Lumsden	Warman
Maple Creek	Waskesiu Lake
Martensville	Weyburn
Mistawasis	Wilkie

4. COLLECTIONS

COLLECTION VOLUMES

Residual recovery volume represents the estimated liquid volume, measured in litres, of liquid Program Products recovered by the Program. Table 3 shows the estimated residual recovery volume of flammable, toxic/pesticides, and corrosive Program Products collected in 2025.

The collection, packaging, transportation and processing of hazardous waste is dictated by Transport of Dangerous Goods Regulation (TDGR) and waste management options. As a result, in some instances, some product categories are comingled such as toxics and pesticides. Environmentally hazardous materials are collected and managed under other product categories such as toxics.

Table 3: Estimated Residual Recovery Volume of Program Products Collected in 2025 (Litres)

Product Category	Total ¹ (L)
Flammables ¹	4,928
Corrosives ¹	2,284
Toxics Incl. Pesticides ¹	4,220
Total	11,432

Table 4 Estimated number of units of pressurized Program Products collected in 2025.

Product Category	Total (units)
Other Aerosol ²	18,550
Physically Hazardous Products	3,654
Total	22,204

Collection volumes do not accurately reflect the program's performance since these are consumable products, and the program adheres to the "BUD" rule (see Section 5). The program's primary focus is on making services accessible to communities that express interest or prioritize HHW services within their community.

5. PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

The objective of the Program is to minimize the improper disposal of Program Products by providing an accessible collection system and ensuring that the collected materials are recycled, treated or disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. Product Care strives to manage collected products in accordance with the pollution prevention hierarchy. Product management and the application of the pollution prevention hierarchy varies by product.

5.1. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

Over the past 5 to 10 years, the consumer chemical industry has made notable progress in reducing the toxicity and improving the recyclability of household hazardous products. Manufacturers are reformulating products such as oven cleaners, and pesticides by replacing harmful chemicals with safer, more environmentally responsible alternatives, prioritizing both user safety and environmental protection.

Product Care encourages consumers to buy the right amount of consumable products for their needs to reduce waste. The "BUD" Rule is Product Care's primary message, where consumers are encouraged to:

- Buy no more than you need.
- Use all that you buy; and
- Dispose of leftovers safely.

This shift is supported by findings from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which highlights a clear industry trend toward reformulation, safer ingredients, and improved labeling. According to the U.S. EPA, consumer demand for products labeled as non-toxic, biodegradable, or derived from renewable resources has accelerated industry innovation and the adoption of greener alternatives.

¹ Residual volume collected is calculated by taking the weight of materials provided by the processor and removing container weights (based on standard container weights as determined by Product Care). The weight of the material is multiplied by the average estimated density of the specific materials obtained from SDS specifications.

² "Other Aerosol" includes flammable, corrosive and toxic aerosols.

As a result, the household hazardous and special products sector is undergoing a meaningful transition. Products are becoming safer to use, less harmful to dispose of, and more aligned with broader sustainability goals. These efforts reflect an industry-wide response to changing regulations, consumer expectations, and the need for greater environmental responsibility.

Processors are selected based on several factors, including regulatory compliance, location of operations, processing capacity, processing methods, competitiveness, and downstream markets. All processors and service providers are required to comply with federal and provincial regulatory requirements, as well as Product Care's requirements.

Product Care's end-of-life management protocols employ the following hierarchy to minimize impacts on the environment: reduction, recycling, and disposal in an environmentally responsible manner. Reuse is not an option for HHW. Due to the wide range in composition and properties of HHW products, different management methods are used for different products.

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are considered in the management of the program. Product Care encourages service partners to implement "milk runs", optimize collection routes to minimize transportation costs and reduce GHG emissions wherever possible with respect to transportation and collection activities. Product Care requires service providers to adhere to established best practices in the recycling, treatment and disposal of HHW to ensure optimal outcomes, including the safe recycling and final disposal of these materials. Product Care continued implementation of its greenhouse gas emissions management plan related to collection, transportation, and treatment activities. Program GHG data was compiled for 2025 and submitted separately to the Ministry.

The following section outlines the product management processes employed by the Program for each product category.

FLAMMABLE MATERIALS

Given the nature and mixed composition of flammable materials, it is not economically viable or feasible to reuse or recycle flammable liquids. Instead, leftover flammable materials were blended and sent for energy recovery.

CORROSIVE MATERIALS

Corrosive materials were neutralized and chemically treated; any resulting neutralized liquid is either discharged to sanitary sewers under a permit or licensed deep well, and benign solids securely landfilled. Corrosive aerosols were evacuated, propellants were absorbed by activated carbon, and the corrosive liquids were managed as noted above.

TOXIC MATERIALS

Toxic materials were sent for incineration at high temperatures in a government-regulated and permitted incinerator. Toxic aerosols were evacuated, propellants were absorbed by activated carbon, and the toxic liquid was sent for incineration.

PESTICIDES

Pesticides were incinerated at licensed facilities and at temperatures high enough to avoid creating hazardous by-products. Pesticide aerosols were evacuated, propellants absorbed by activated carbon, and the residual pesticides were sent for incineration.

PHYSICALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIAL (FUEL CYLINDERS)

Fuel from fuel cylinders was sent for energy recovery. Containers from fuel cylinders were sent for metal recycling.

CONTAINERS

Metal containers were recycled as scrap metal. Plastic containers containing flammable or corrosive liquids were either recycled or sent to landfills depending on the type of plastic and the level of contamination. Plastic containers that contain toxic materials are incinerated along with their contents.

5.2. SUMMARY OF VOLUMES PROCESSED BY PROCESSING METHOD

Table 5 summarizes the estimated amount and management options utilized for each product category.

Table 5: Estimated amount of Program Product and Product Management

Product Management					
Product Category	Reused	Recycled	Energy Recovery	Incinerated	Treated ³
Flammable Liquids & Gasoline (Litres)			4,928		
Toxics (including pesticides) (Litres)				4,220	
Corrosives (Litres)					2,284
Physically Hazardous Products (Units)			3,654		
Aerosols (Units)			18,550		
Total (Litres)			4,928	4,220	2,284
Total (Units)			22,204		

6. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Consumer participation is essential to the success of the Program. Promotion and education activities are therefore implemented to ensure consumers:

- Are aware that the product can be recycled or responsibly managed; and
- Know the steps/process for how to recycle Program Product.

In 2025, Product Care Recycling implemented a range of promotion and education activities as part of our communication plan to meet these objectives.

6.1. OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

In 2025, Product Care distributed educational materials to a variety of stakeholders, including rural communities seeking recycling resources related to the Program. Product Care also participated in multiple conferences and trade shows to provide information on Program scope, operations, and available Program services.

Product Care presented on its Program at the SALT Solid Waste Conference to increase awareness and understanding of its stewardship activities and recycling programs.

Product Care is developing a children's activity booklet to promote recycling, the 4Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Recover), and responsible environmental practices. The booklet will be available on Product Care's website for use by schools, community campaigns, and residents.

6.2. STRATEGY

Communication activities are highly localized and emphasize digital strategies. Campaigns prioritize precision over scale, ensuring messaging reaches consumers in relevant areas when and where it was most needed.

Our communications strategy was built around two key pillars:

- **Localized outreach:** Messages were geographically targeted to consumers near collection sites and collection events.

³ For more information on the treatment of these products, please refer to section 5.

- **Product-specific education:** Creative assets highlighted HHW product categories (e.g., flammables, pesticides, physically hazardous products), emphasizing safe and responsible disposal methods in accessible, user-friendly language.

6.3. COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

6.3.1. WEBSITE

Product Care Recycling maintains productcare.org as the primary source of HHW program information for Saskatchewan residents. The website provides:

Recycling locator:

Interactive map displaying the locations of all HHW collection sites and collection events within the province, along with their hours of operation.

Program information:

- Listing of accepted and non-accepted products, along with tips for drop-off
- Environmental Handling Fees

Product information:

- Topical content related to environmental issues and waste management
- Videos describing the HHW management process

6.3.2. PRINTED ASSETS - POINTS OF SALE (POS) AND POINTS OF RETURN (POR)

To support localized awareness, printed materials such as posters, brochures, and event flyers were offered free of charge at productcare.org/materials. Retailers and collection sites were encouraged to order and display these materials to educate consumers at the point of purchase and disposal. For HHW events, customized flyers were created to drive attendance and explain which products were accepted at each.

6.3.3. DIGITAL ADVERTISING

Digital ads were geo-targeted exclusively to the communities with permanent collection sites, ensuring optimal ad spend and message relevance. These campaigns focused on:

- Raising awareness of specific HHW product categories
- Directing consumers to the website to find local collection sites and events

This strategy was used across the following channels:

Google Search advertising targeted users based on relevant keywords and search terms, ensuring that consumers actively looking for HHW disposal information were directed to the Program website and recycling locator.

Google Performance Max and Display advertising delivered banner and video ads across websites and mobile applications, using targeting based on users' browsing behaviour and the content they engage with to reach audiences likely to generate household hazardous waste.

Social media platforms, including YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, were used to reach audiences online. Targeting was applied more broadly based on users' interests and behaviours to reach individuals likely to use HHW products and build overall program awareness.

Facebook Event Ads were deployed locally to promote mobile collection events prior to each event. These ads effectively reached nearby residents with timely, actionable information, including event location, time, and accepted materials. This tactic helped drive attendance and ensured that consumers were aware of the opportunity in their area.

6.4. PROGRAM HOTLINE

Product Care continued to operate a toll-free "hotline" for consumers to obtain information about the Program.

6.5. PARTNERSHIPS

Product Care is a founding member and has continued to participate in Recycle Saskatchewan (RS), an informal alliance of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs in Saskatchewan connected by a shared goal to:

- Share best practices on extended producer responsibility
- Collaborate on projects

Product Care is an Associate Member of the Association of Regional Waste Management Authorities of Saskatchewan (ARWMAS) and participates in ARWMAS's bi-monthly meetings to share updates on the Program, provide information to Saskatchewan's regional waste authorities and receive feedback on the program.

7. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A summary of the Program's financials for 2025 is provided in Table 6. The financials detail the total amount of recycling fees collected by the Program and the amount spent to operate the Program, including communications and administration costs⁴.

Table 6: Financial Summary 2025

2025 Revenue and Expenses	\$
Total Revenue	402,410
Program Operations	241,891
Program Administration	78,704
Education, Public Awareness & Communications	14,822
Total Operating Expenses	335,417
Surplus / Deficit	66,993
Cumulative Surplus (Reserve)	461,238

⁴ The Program does not utilise recycling incentives and therefore none were paid out.

APPENDIX A: WEBSITE

PROGRAM PAGE

The screenshot displays the Productcare Recycling website. The header includes the logo, navigation links (Products, Province, Large Quantities, About, Members, Service Partners, Resources, Contact), a search icon, and a 'Find a Recycling Location' button. The main content area features a large orange banner for 'HHW/HSP Saskatchewan' with a 'Back to HHW/HSP' link. Below this, a tabbed interface shows 'Accepted Products' and 'Funding'. The 'Accepted Products' tab is active, displaying the title 'Accepted Products' and a sub-header 'Household Hazardous Waste Safe Disposal in Saskatchewan'. The text explains the program's start in April 2021 and provides a link to a recycling locator tool. A green box highlights 'Accepted Products:' with a checkmark icon. Below this, the 'Pesticides' section lists acceptance criteria: original container, intact label, and specific symbols/words. It also states a maximum container size of 10 litres or 680g / 24oz. The 'Toxics' section follows, listing acceptance criteria and examples like automotive additives, furniture stripper, and tar/bug remover, with the same maximum container size.

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RECYCLING

Products Province Large Quantities About Members Service Partners Resources Contact

Find a Recycling Location

Back to HHW/HSP

HHW/HSP Saskatchewan

Accepted Products Funding

Accepted Products

Household Hazardous Waste Safe Disposal in Saskatchewan

Starting in April 2021, you can drop off certain leftover pesticides, toxics, corrosives, flammable liquids and physically hazardous products for free in Saskatchewan. The province's new household hazardous waste (HHW) program will initially be partnering with municipalities and local governments to provide collection services through one day collection events, free of charge to consumers. To find out if your community is hosting a household hazardous waste collection event please use our [recycling locator tool](#).

Accepted Products:

For safety reasons, all products must be in their original container with original label(s) intact to be accepted by the program. We can't accept containers that have no label, are leaking or are improperly sealed.

Pesticides

We accept domestic, non-agricultural pesticides in liquid, solid, and aerosol forms.

To be accepted, the product label must have:

- ✓ The poison symbol (skull and crossbones)
- ✓ The Pest Control Product (PCP) number
- ✓ The word 'domestic'

The maximum container size is **10 litres**. The maximum aerosol container size is **680g / 24oz**.

Toxics

We accept domestic toxic products in liquid and aerosol forms.

The product label must show the poison symbol (skull and crossbones) and the word 'danger' in an octagon

Examples:

- ✓ Automotive additives
- ✓ Furniture stripper
- ✓ Tar and bug remover

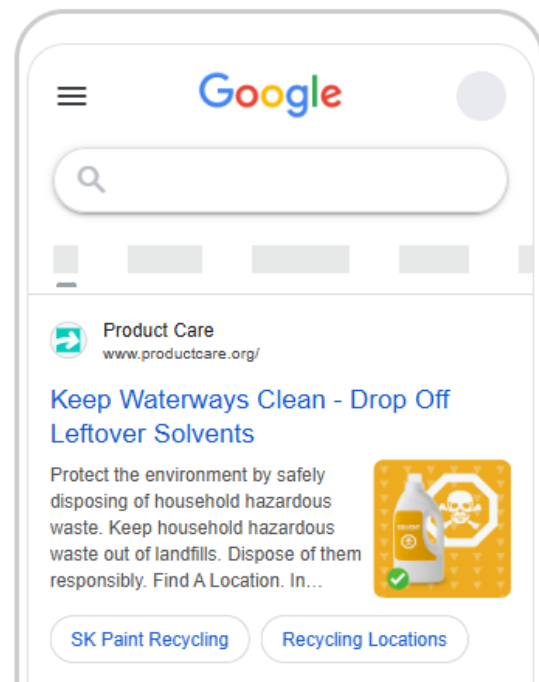
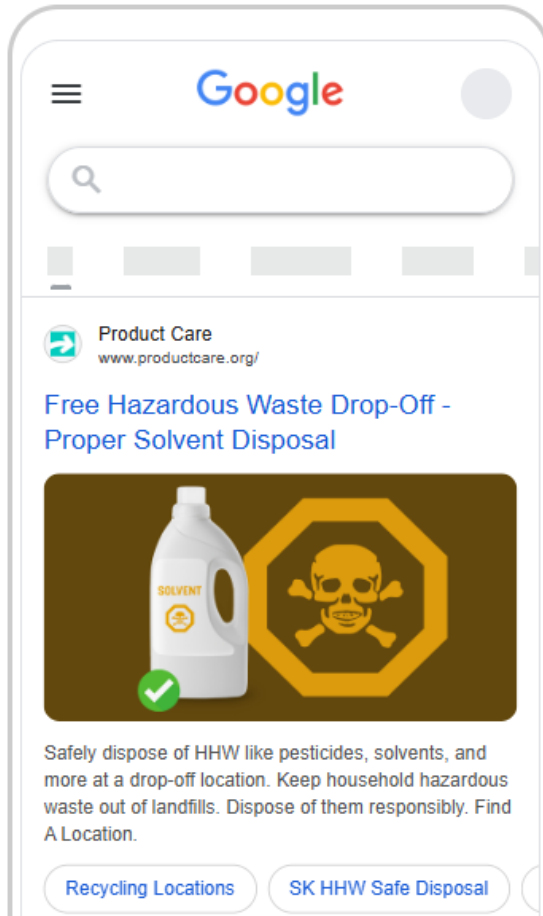
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COLLECTION SITE FINDER

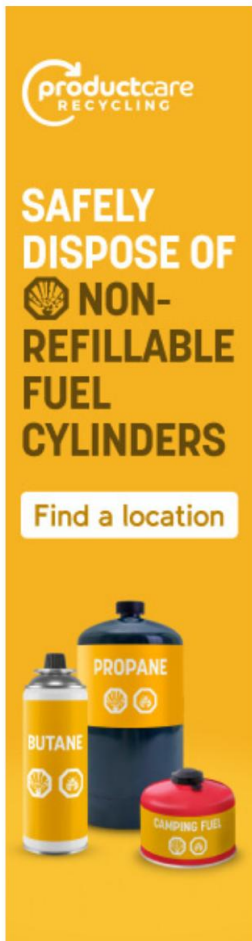
The screenshot displays the 'Find a Recycling Location' web application. At the top, a teal header contains the 'productcare RECYCLING' logo, navigation links (Products, Province, About, Members, Service Partners, Contact), and a 'Find a Recycling Location' button. Below the header, a search bar is titled 'Find a Recycling Location' with a location pin icon. The search bar includes a 'Location' field with 'Saskatchewan, Canada' and a 'What are you looking to recycle?' dropdown menu set to 'Household Hazardous Waste'. A red 'Search' button is to the right. The main content area features a map of Saskatchewan with several red location pins. On the left, two event cards are visible: one for 'Town of Hepburn Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day' on May 14, 2022, located 50km away, and another for 'City of Saskatoon Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days' on June 5, 2022, located 95km away. Each card lists 'Accepted products' and provides 'Get Directions' and 'Website' buttons. A 'Location Key' at the bottom right of the map identifies icons for Depot, Retail, and Event locations.

APPENDIX B: PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

TEXT ADS – USED FOR GOOGLE SEARCH (EXAMPLES)



BANNER ADS – USED FOR GOOGLE DISPLAY



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**SAFELY
DISPOSE OF**
 **NON-
REFILLABLE
FUEL
CYLINDERS**

[Find a location](#)



SAFELY DISPOSE OF
 **FLAMMABLE
LIQUIDS**

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DISPOSE OF**
 **PESTICIDES**

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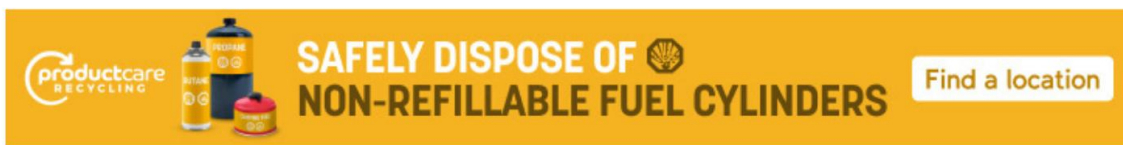


 **SAFELY DISPOSE OF
CORROSIVES**

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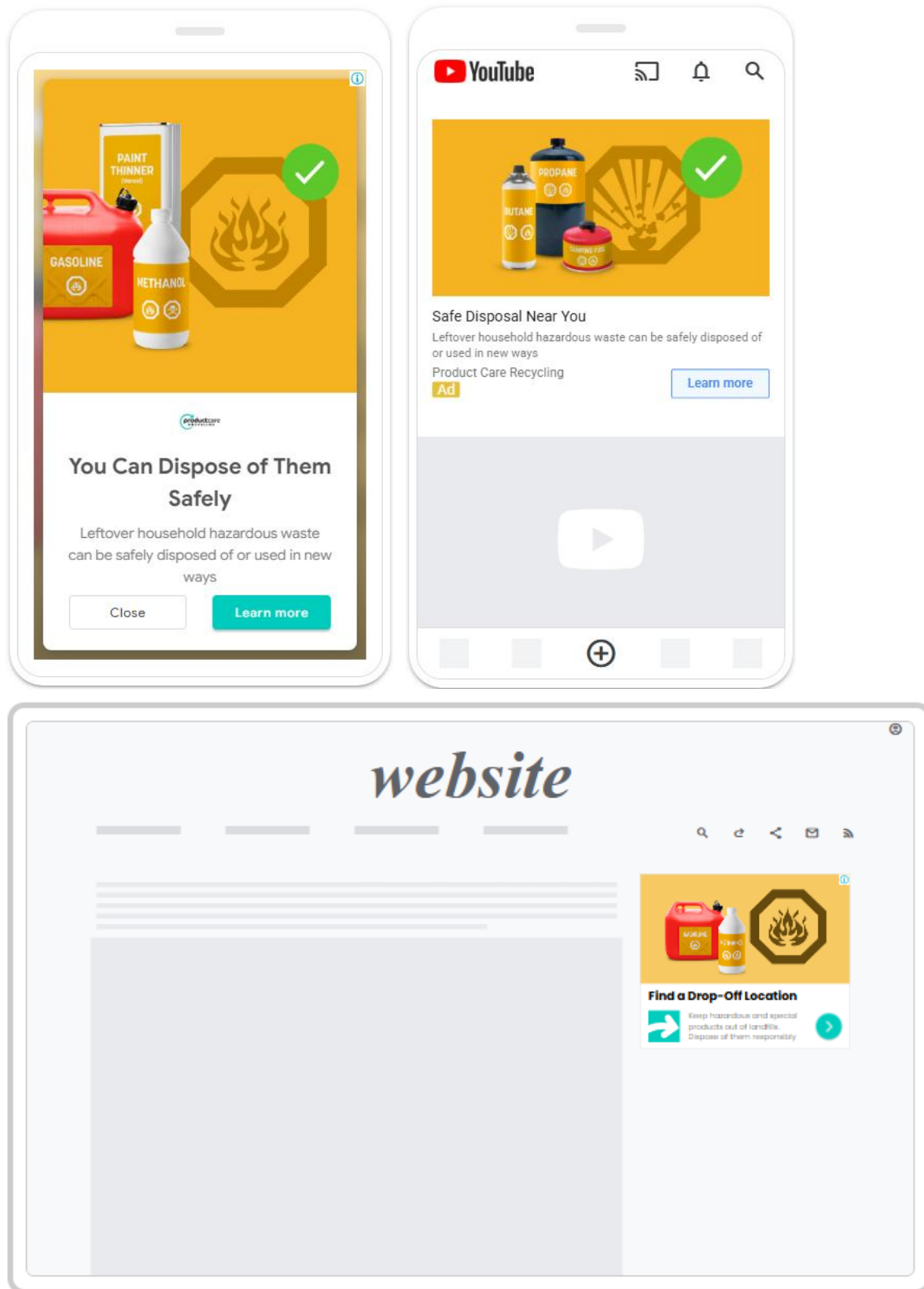
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RECYCLING

SAFELY DISPOSE OF  **NON-REFILLABLE FUEL CYLINDERS**

[Find a location](#)



RESPONSIVE ADS – USED FOR GOOGLE DISPLAY



VIDEOS – USED FOR GOOGLE DISPLAY, YOUTUBE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ADS

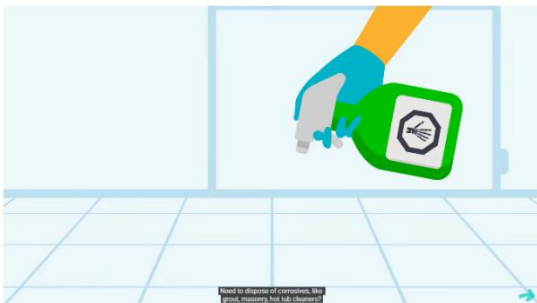
Flammable liquids ([watch](#))



Physically hazardous ([watch](#))



Corrosives ([watch](#))



Solvents ([watch](#))



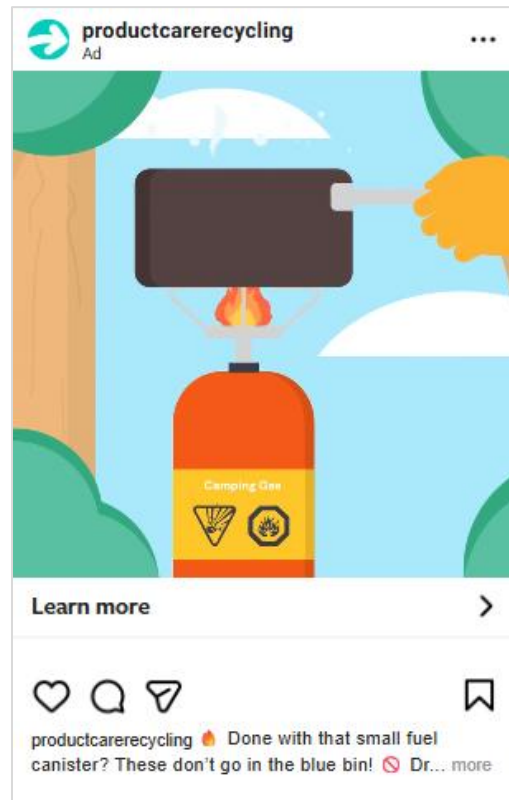
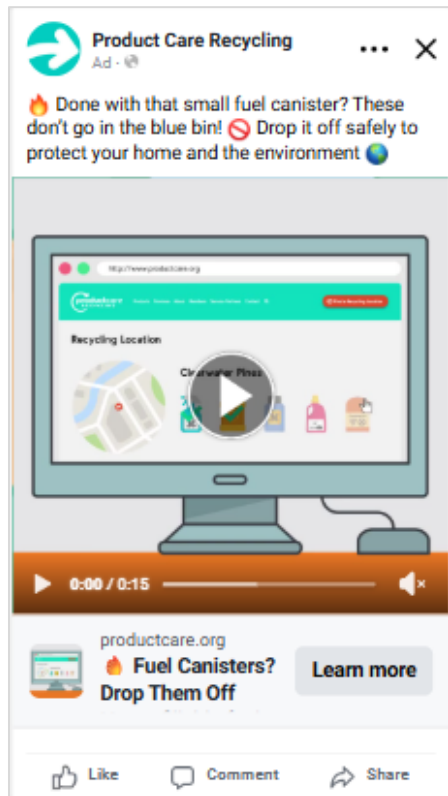
Pesticides ([watch](#))



Toxics ([watch](#))



META ADS FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

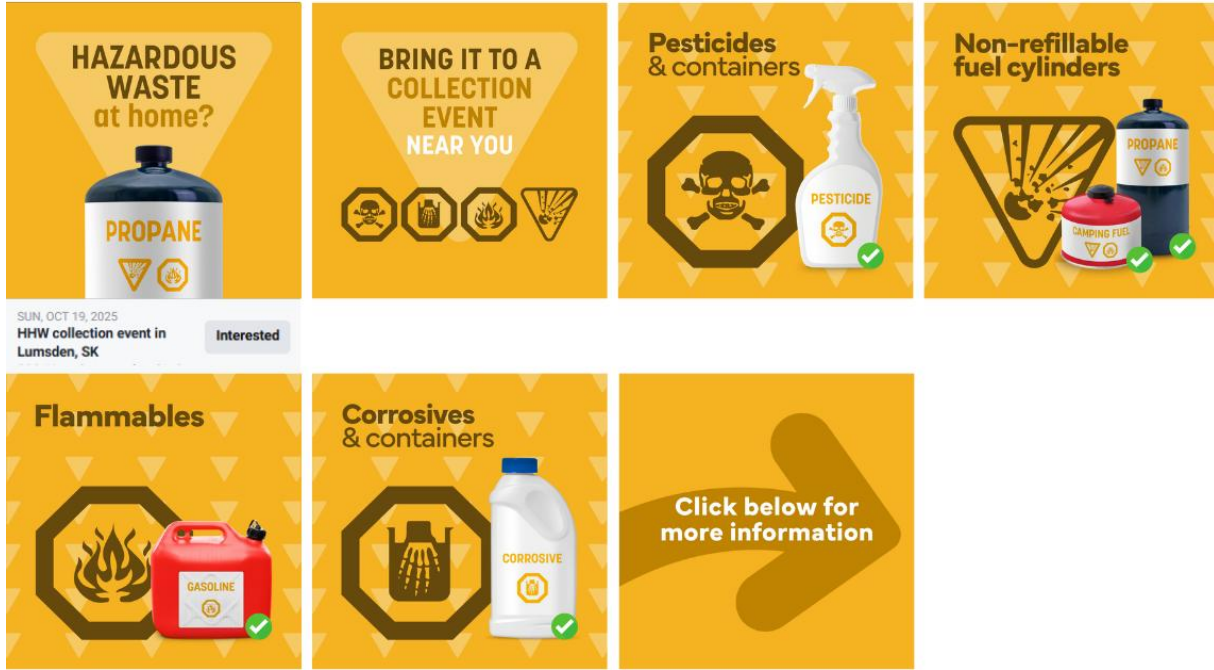


FACEBOOK EVENT ADS

Video ad



Drop off pesticides, toxics, corrosives, flammable liquids and more. Click below to learn more.



Event Open

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SAFE DISPOSAL

DROP OFF EVENT

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Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 9 AM – 2 PM PDT

HHW collection event in Lumsden, SK

200 River St Lumsden SK S0G3C0

About Discussion
Edit as Product Care Recycling

Details

- 62 people responded
- Event by Product Care Recycling and Town of Lumsden, Saskatchewan
- 200 River St Lumsden SK S0G3C0
- Duration: 5 hr
- Public - Anyone on or off Facebook

Drop off your leftover household hazardous products, e.g. pesticides, flammable liquids, corrosives, etc., for free at this event. Also accepting batteries.

Location: 200 River ... [See more](#)

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