Action Climate Teignbridge Wildlife Wardens

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Hazardous waste includes pesticides (including insecticides, herbicides eg glyphosate, fungicides and rodenticides),household chemicals, white spirit, bleach, oil-based paint, mercury thermometers, solvents and engine oils. All these are accepted in quantities up to a total of 5 litres.

How to move hazardous waste safely:

1) Read the disposal instructions - be aware that these often assume that you have used all of the product and are only disposing of the packaging!
2) Put on protective clothing, including strong rubber gloves & safety glasses.
3) Make sure liquids are in suitable, secure plastic containers that haven't leaked, and aren't likely to leak. The container must be clearly marked with its contents.
4) Petrol/Diesel must be in a proprietary fuel container, to be left on site.
5) Never mix pesticides - this could be VERY dangerous. Pack up every different type separately.
6) Paint - old paint or part empty tins should be doubled-wrapped in plastic bags.
7) Load the hazardous waste into your vehicle in a leak-proof container which can't move.
8) Wash your gloves and hands before driving and take clean gloves with you for use at the recycling centre, plus wipes and a bag for the gloves.

You will need proof that you are a Devon resident – take your driving licence or council tax bill etc. Commercial vans are not allowed, so if you have a van, you will need to get a permit before you go. Note: This is our best attempt at a 'How to' list; there may be other advice available that we haven't yet found.

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