

SAFETY SENSE

Chemical Safety In Your Home

(NAPSA)—Household products are designed with safety in mind, but it's a smart idea to learn more about the safest ways to use and dispose of them.

According to The Chemical Educational Foundation, the following safety guidelines may help people protect their families and the environment.

- Love your labels—Read and follow label directions on how to use, store and dispose of a substance.

- Plan your purchases—Buy the right amount of a product to prevent waste.

- Store properly—Keep products in their original container and store them securely, out of reach of children and pets.

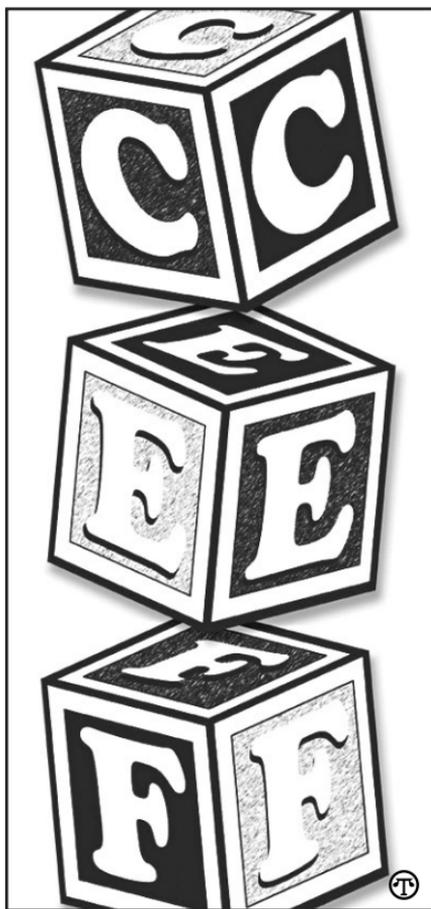
- Handle properly—Never mix household chemicals together, the effects can be toxic.

- Proper disposal and recycling—Never pour household chemicals on the ground or down a storm drain. Recycle what you can.

Special disposal and recycling programs may exist for the following products:

Automotive products, aerosol containers, paints and coatings, pesticides and fertilizers, and household batteries.

Find out whether or not your community has a household hazardous waste collection program. You may need to either schedule a special pick up or take items to a designated site. Check what your community's program will accept for recycling. If you cannot find a



Product labels offer valuable household chemical disposal information.

household hazardous waste collection program, call the manufacturer for recycling or disposal recommendations.

To learn more about household chemical safety or to receive a copy of *Solutions—Chemicals in Your Home*, call 703/527-6223 or visit www.chemed.org.