

# Fire Prevention at the Curb



Fire Prevention Week (October 8-14) is the perfect time to revisit the safe and proper disposal of a few potentially combustible and dangerous items.

## **Household Hazardous Materials (HHM)**

Household cleaners, paint and oils are common products containing hazardous ingredients that may be flammable, corrosive or poisonous and require special care when you dispose of them. Always consult product labels first before attempting to dispose of HHM. Check with your local environmental, health or solid waste agency for information on special collection programs for HHM.

## **Hot coals/cigarette butts**

Never place hot coals or burning butts in your trash cart. Extinguish or allow coals to cool prior to disposing. Use a cigarette receptacle such as an ash urn, ash pan, butt bin or ash/trash combination for extinguishing and disposing of cigarette waste.

## **Rechargeable batteries**

Nickel-cadmium (NiCd) or nickel metal hydride (NiMH) batteries that are used in digital cameras and other high-tech devices and lithium ion (Li-ion) batteries used in laptops and mobile devices must be recycled. Never place Li-ion batteries in curbside collection because they can overheat, explode and cause fires. Contact your local waste facility or electronics store for designated drop-off locations.