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## Household Chemical Cleanout Wrap Up

After this year's successful Household Chemical Cleanout program, residents are being encouraged to store their chemical containers safely until the next cleanout to keep these containers out of landfill.

The annual Household Chemical Cleanout is a great way for households across the Warrumbungle Shire to dispose of their hazardous and toxic chemicals safely.

"Early this year, the Annual Household Chemical Cleanout came to the Coonabarabran Waste depot, allowing residents to bring in any unwanted hazardous and toxic chemical containers and dispose of them free of charge," said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. "This is great program that Net Waste run yearly and it is great to see community members taking advantage of this program."

"With this being an annual program, community members are urged to keep hazardous chemical containers out of landfill by collecting containers safely and keep an eye out for the Household Chemical Cleanout for 2023," said Cr Doolan.

"This year nearly 500kg of hazardous chemical containers were deposited, which is great for a community of our size. Containers deposited varied from non-flammable and flammable gas cylinders, aerosols, fire extinguishers, paint containers to general household chemical containers," said Cr Doolan.

"Disposing of these containers safely, through this program, reduces the amount of these containers going into our landfill environment, and prevents the contents from causing harm the surrounding environment and the greater community," Cr Doolan explained.

Leaching can occur from hazardous and toxic chemicals being put into landfill, be carried into groundwater supplies or waterways which in turn can harm the surrounding environment and affect drinking water.

Warrumbungle Shire Council is one of the 19 Net Waste member council areas in the Central West Region who are holding a household chemical cleanout collection.

For further information on the Household Chemical Cleanout visit [www.cleanout.com.au](http://www.cleanout.com.au).

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Photo Above – Household Chemical Clean Out in Coonabarabran May 2022.