

**Adhesives** – Glues, caulking compounds, epoxy resins, pastes, joint fillers, wood putty, grout, spackling compounds, rubber cement.

**Reduce** – Try to buy the least toxic adhesive needed for your project. The safest environmental choice is one that is water soluble. Buy only as much adhesive as you need for your project. See [Product Exchange](#).

**Reuse** – Save and use adhesives for future projects. Use them up. Give unused adhesives to a contractor or someone else who can use them. See [Product Exchange](#).

**Disposal** – Usable water-based glues (like white school glue) can be placed in the trash. Inert compounds such as joint compounds can be placed in the trash, but **read the label first**. Epoxies and any adhesives that are flammable, poisonous, corrosive, or contain petroleum distillates should be brought to a household hazardous waste collection site. See [Household Hazardous Waste Collection](#).

**Businesses:** Adhesives, unless they are water-based, should be treated as hazardous waste. Check with the Solid Waste Department Office for very small quantity generator collection dates. See [Clean Shop Collections, Hazardous Waste, VSQG](#).