

Table 18
Household hazardous waste, by province

	Had leftover or expired medication to dispose of	Had leftover or expired medication to dispose of						Other
		Put them in the garbage	Took or sent them to a depot or drop-off centre	Returned them to a supplier or retailer, including a pharmacy or doctor	Poured them down the drain, sewer, toilet, sink, or on the ground	Still had them		
		percent						
Canada	34	21	5	63	5	13	F	
Newfoundland and Labrador	23	20 ^E	F	39	28 ^E	21 ^E	F	
Prince Edward Island	30	F	F	69	F	21 ^E	F	
Nova Scotia	30	13 ^E	F	67	10 ^E	17 ^E	F	
New Brunswick	31	17 ^E	F	66	F	17 ^E	F	
Quebec	43	16	2 ^E	77	2 ^E	7 ^E	F	
Ontario	30	22	8 ^E	58	5 ^E	13	F	
Manitoba	24	23 ^E	F	55	9 ^E	21 ^E	F	
Saskatchewan	29	21 ^E	F	47	9 ^E	22 ^E	F	
Alberta	36	28	6 ^E	54	3 ^E	17	F	
British Columbia	32	27	F	54	6 ^E	18 ^E	F	

	Had medical sharps to dispose of	Had medical sharps to dispose of							Other
		Put them in the garbage	Used a medical sharps disposal program	Returned them to a pharmacy or doctor	Took or sent them to a depot or drop-off centre	Still had them	Controlled disposal ¹	Uncontrolled disposal ²	
		percent							
Canada	9	16	22	55	5^E	14	75	17	1^E
Newfoundland and Labrador	6 ^E	F	F	F	F	F	37 ^E	F	F
Prince Edward Island	14 ^E	F	F	66 ^E	F	F	90	F	F
Nova Scotia	11	F	45	55	F	21 ^E	89	F	F
New Brunswick	12	F	28 ^E	63	F	22 ^E	76	F	F
Quebec	10	F	17 ^E	72	F	13 ^E	88	F	F
Ontario	9	22	26	45	5 ^E	10 ^E	70	23	F
Manitoba	8	22 ^E	F	41 ^E	F	36 ^E	67	24 ^E	F
Saskatchewan	9 ^E	F	F	56	F	27 ^E	72	F	F
Alberta	8	F	11 ^E	55	F	F	65	24 ^E	F
British Columbia	6	18 ^E	F	46	F	F	72	19 ^E	F

	Had leftover paint or solvents to dispose of	Had leftover paint or solvents to dispose of					Other
		Put them in the garbage	Took or sent them to a depot or drop-off centre	Returned them to a supplier or retailer	Still had them		
		percent					
Canada	37	3	62	9	28	2	
Newfoundland and Labrador	35	F	62	F	37	F	
Prince Edward Island	32	F	71	F	41	F	
Nova Scotia	38	F	72	F	27	F	
New Brunswick	40	F	55	F	41	F	
Quebec	47	2 ^E	58	18	26	3 ^E	
Ontario	33	3 ^E	63	9	28	1 ^E	
Manitoba	30	F	42	F	54	F	
Saskatchewan	30	F	65	F	36	F	
Alberta	35	F	72	F	23	F	
British Columbia	34	F	63	3 ^E	30	F	

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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	Had unwanted engine oil or anti-freeze to dispose of	Had unwanted engine oil or anti-freeze to dispose of				Other
		Put them in the garbage	Took or sent them to a depot or drop-off centre	Returned them to a supplier or retailer	Still had them	
percent						
Canada	16	2^E	60	19	17	4
Newfoundland and Labrador	16	F	66	F	F	F
Prince Edward Island	11 ^E	F	F	F	F	F
Nova Scotia	14	F	58	17 ^E	16 ^E	F
New Brunswick	16	F	57	15 ^E	28 ^E	F
Quebec	16	F	61	20	14 ^E	F
Ontario	12	F	65	12 ^E	18	3 ^E
Manitoba	20	F	59	12 ^E	28	F
Saskatchewan	20	F	60	14 ^E	18 ^E	11 ^E
Alberta	21	F	69	13 ^E	13 ^E	7 ^E
British Columbia	19	F	46	38	15 ^E	F

	Had dead or unwanted general purpose batteries to dispose of	Had dead or unwanted general purpose batteries to dispose of				Other
		Put them in the garbage	Took or sent them to a depot or drop-off centre	Returned them to a supplier or retailer	Still had them	
percent						
Canada	51	32	43	10	16	4
Newfoundland and Labrador	34	54	32	F	23	F
Prince Edward Island	47	21 ^E	45	16 ^E	17 ^E	F
Nova Scotia	46	35	40	7 ^E	22 ^E	F
New Brunswick	50	39	41	9 ^E	18	F
Quebec	62	29	50	9	14	3 ^E
Ontario	49	31	43	9	16	3
Manitoba	46	49	22	9 ^E	24 ^E	F
Saskatchewan	39	53	19	12 ^E	20 ^E	5 ^E
Alberta	46	31	43	8 ^E	14 ^E	6 ^E
British Columbia	49	35	32	14	16	7 ^E

	Had dead or unwanted compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) to dispose of	Had dead or unwanted compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) to dispose of				Other
		Put them in the garbage	Took or sent them to a depot or drop-off centre	Returned them to a supplier or retailer	Still had them	
percent						
Canada	23	50	24	8	12	4^E
Newfoundland and Labrador	18	79	F	F	F	F
Prince Edward Island	26	60	22 ^E	F	F	F
Nova Scotia	21	66	16 ^E	F	11 ^E	F
New Brunswick	21	65	20 ^E	F	F	F
Quebec	28	58	21	7 ^E	11 ^E	4 ^E
Ontario	22	37	33	11	10	5 ^E
Manitoba	17	65	8 ^E	F	14 ^E	F
Saskatchewan	19	74	11 ^E	F	11 ^E	F
Alberta	20	54	24	F	15 ^E	F
British Columbia	24	47	18	11 ^E	19 ^E	F

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	Had dead or unwanted fluorescent tubes to dispose of	Had dead or unwanted fluorescent tubes to dispose of				Other
		Put them in the garbage	Took or sent them to a depot or drop-off centre	Returned them to a supplier or retailer	Still had them	
percent						
Canada	9	34	30	7	19	7^E
Newfoundland and Labrador	5 ^E	F	F	F	F	F
Prince Edward Island	F	F	F	F	F	F
Nova Scotia	7 ^E	F	F	F	F	F
New Brunswick	9	38 ^E	F	F	F	F
Quebec	6	49	25	F	15 ^E	F
Ontario	11	26	35	7 ^E	18	9 ^E
Manitoba	11	57	17 ^E	F	24 ^E	F
Saskatchewan	10	63	F	F	23 ^E	F
Alberta	9	36	39	F	21 ^E	F
British Columbia	11	30 ^E	26 ^E	16 ^E	17 ^E	F

1. Used a medical sharps disposal program, returned them to a pharmacy or doctor, or took or sent them to a depot or dropoff centre.

2. Put them in the garbage or used another method of disposal.

Source(s): Statistics Canada, Environment Accounts and Statistics Division, Households and the Environment Survey, 2011 (survey number 3881).