

HOME DARKROOM USERS DROP OFF SPENT PHOTOCHEMICALS AT RWQCP

The Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP) accepts silver-bearing photochemicals from households throughout its service area of East Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, and Stanford University. Residents may bring up to five gallons of spent fix or bleach fix to the plant from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Until now, the main disposal option for home darkroom users has been Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days, which are held quarterly in most of the service area except for Palo Alto, where they are held each month at the RWQCP. Plant staff hope that availability of the drop-off program, open six days a week, will further encourage residents not to pour spent fix and bleach fix down the drain. **For more information on the spent photochemical drop-off program, call Margaret Adkins at (650) 329-2598.**

For more information about Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days, call (650) 496-6980 in Palo Alto, or (408) 299-7300 in the communities of Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and Stanford University. In East Palo Alto, call the San Mateo County Department of Health Services at (650) 363-4718 to make an appointment to drop off hazardous waste.