

**METHAMPHETAMINE CHEMICALS
ROADSIDE DISPOSAL
SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR HIGHWAY WORKERS**

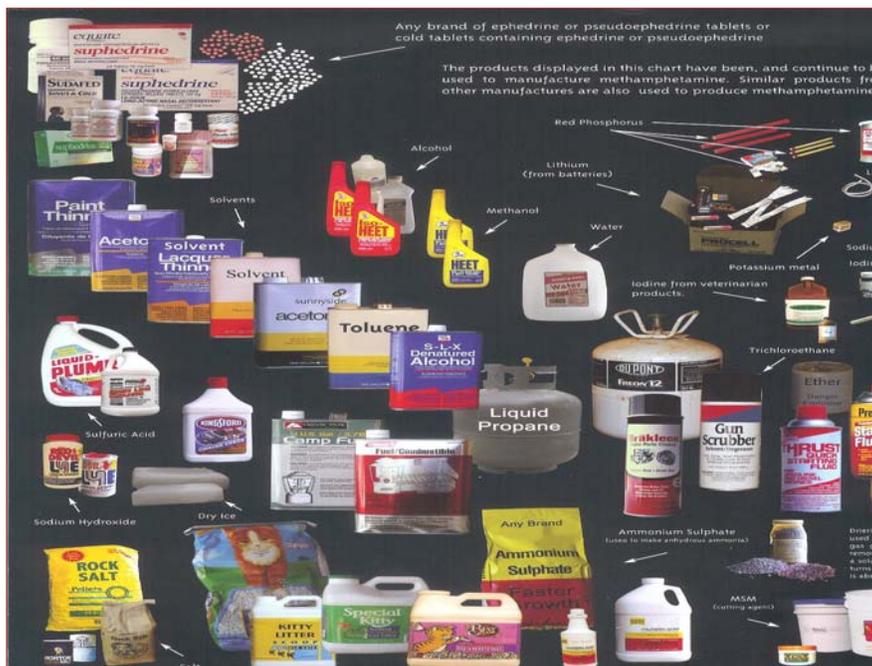
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The use of Methamphetamine and the manufacturing process can create several environmental and chemical exposure issues for the public as well as for highway workers, law enforcement, public health workers and fire fighters. For every pound of Methamphetamine produced there will be five to six pounds of toxic waste. The chemical waste can seep into the ground and contaminate our waterways and soils. Many of the chemicals used to produce Methamphetamine are common everyday household chemicals that each of us purchase routinely.

While it is not unusual to find empty containers from these common, everyday chemicals disposed of along the roadside; individually it is alarming when several different precursor chemicals are disposed of together along our roadways.

Ingredients to Watch For:

Some of the chemicals you need to be aware of if disposed of together are: Sudephedrine (Sudephed) or Ephedrine, muratic acid, Coleman fuels, distilled water, gas line anti freeze (Heet), lighter fluid, Acetone, propane, lithium batteries, Red Devil Lye, sulphur from matches or road flares, cooler, dry ice, sodium iodine and anhydrous ammonia. Also look for coffee filters or bed sheets with reddish stains indicative of filtering red phosphorus or other chemicals.



If you find many of these chemicals dumped together along the roadside please **DO NOT TOUCH!** Contact your local police department or the Sheriff's Office at 255-2345 to report what you found and where it is. These chemicals alone do not pose much of an environmental threat, however if disposed of together, they can cause serious contamination issues for the individuals cleaning up the mess, the soil, and our waterways. Local law enforcement agencies know the proper steps and contacts to call to clean up suspected clan lab litter. If an employee of Dane County Highway or a municipal public works department should begin to clean up the disposal sight, they will bear all clean up costs, that goes well beyond the simply picking up the trash. It could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of a lifetime for contaminated soils and waterways.

What to Do:

If you are engaged in roadside cleanup activities as part of your normal course of activities you must make yourself aware of the proper clan lab cleanup procedures and know who to call. If you encounter a single item lying along the roadside, treat it as you always have. If you find a large quantity of the many different chemicals mentioned above, call your local Police Dept. or Sheriff's Office. Deputies and Police Officers will have a basic knowledge as to who should be contacted. No clean up can occur without first notifying the State of Wisconsin, Division of Criminal Investigation and alerting them of a possible Methamphetamine dumpsite. D.C.I. can be contacted at: 1-800-622-3784 and a Clan Lab Team will be sent to the site to render it safe for clean up and disposal. **When in doubt, use caution and call your local Police Dept. or Sheriff's Office at 255-2345 or the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force at 245-5783.**