

YOUR SAFETY IS THE TOP PRIORITY!



There are many dangers on the roadway other than meth lab waste. Here are a few reminders that will help you have a safe and enjoyable clean up:

- Wear light colored clothing along with your safety vest, work gloves, sturdy shoes, pants, and a long sleeved shirt.
- Park your vehicle clear of the roadway
- Face oncoming traffic, stay in a group, only work when visibility is good
- Do not pick items on the paved roadway
- Make sure your roadwork ahead sign is erected
- Stay away from any hazardous items
- Be alert for wildlife and poison ivy

For additional safety guidelines refer to your Adopt-A-Highway permit and the Adopt-A-Highway safety briefing sheet on the Ohio Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway website.



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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEERS: **BEWARE OF METH LAB WASTE**



*A Scenic View
Depends on You!*

ROADSIDE METH LABS



Common items used in the production of Meth

WHAT IS A METH LAB WASTE? AND WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU FIND ONE

People make or “cook” the drug, methamphetamine (meth), using legal, over-the-counter products such as the ones listed in the next column. Once the cooking process is complete the “cook” must dispose of the waste from the cooking process.

If you find any of the items listed or similar items, do not touch, smell or examine them. Meth dumps may contain or be surrounded by potentially hazardous chemicals. If you suspect you have found materials used to make meth contact your Adopt-A-Highway contact listed on your permit and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. If you must leave the area, mark the site with a trash bag tied to a tree or fence, a safe distance from the sites.

COMMONLY FOUND METH LAB WASTE MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CHEMICALS, EQUIPMENT OR PACKAGING:

- Anhydrous ammonia stored in 20 pound propane tanks, coolers or thermos bottles. The presence of anhydrous in propane tanks is indicated by bluish-green coloring of brass tank valves.
- Common cold pills or diet pills containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine
- Muriatic acid (swimming pool, well, concrete, and stone cleaner/etcher)
- Alcohol or methanol (“Heet” brand gasoline additive or rubbing alcohol)
- Camp stove fuel (“Coleman” fuel) and charcoal starter
- Iodine crystals or liquid
- Sodium hydroxide; sulfuric and hydrochloric acid (“Red Devil” lye and other drain cleaners)
- Red phosphorus (match books or sticks)
- Ether (engine starting fluid)
- Solvents such as Acetone, Benzene, Toluene, Methyl Ethyl Ketone, Xylene
- Disassembled lithium batteries
- Table salt and rock salt
- Baking dishes and glassware such as “Pyrex” and “Visions”
- Stained, used coffee filters
- Rubber or plastic hosing
- Duct tape

HOW TO IDENTIFY METH LAB WASTE



Flammable solvent containers in large quantities or with other waste

Any containers with “bi level” liquids.

Large quantities of glass and plastic containers, buckets, plastic hose



Any containers with plastic tubing or hoses

Quantities of coffee filters or paper towels with unusual stains.

Drain openers, muriatic acid, red devil lye



Crystal Drano, iodine, hydrogen peroxide, isopropyl alcohol

Propane tanks painted or corroded brass fittings

Trash bags with an ether, solvent, or ammonia odor.

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