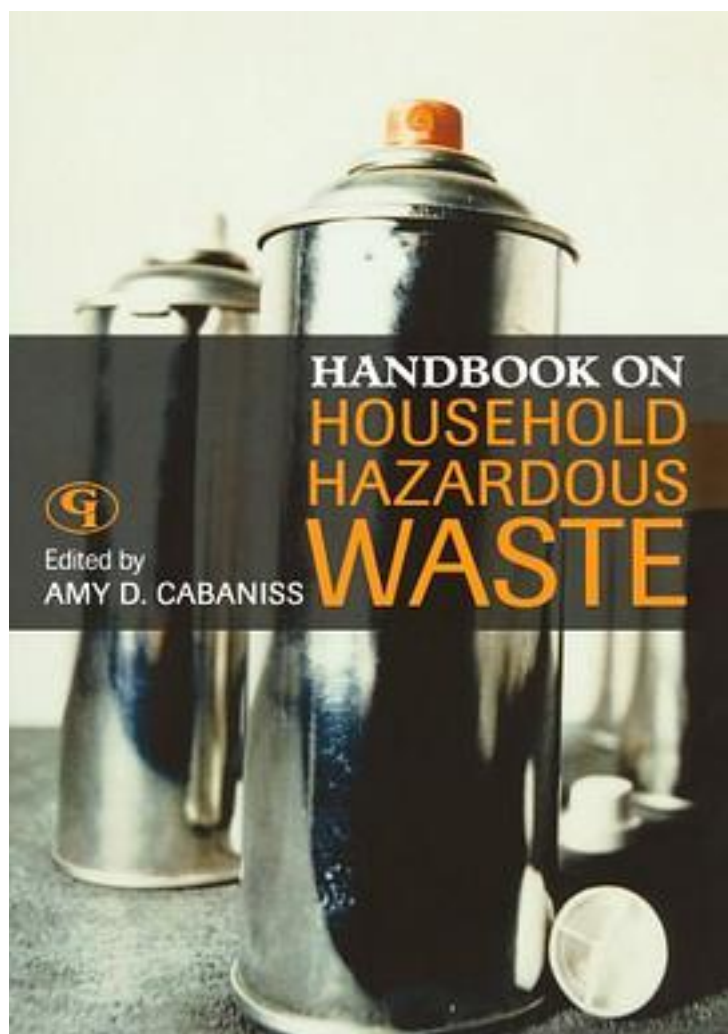


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According to the EPA, Americans generate 1.6 million tons of household hazardous

waste (HHW) every year. Although interest in managing old and unwanted consumer products with characteristics of hazardous waste-household cleaners, pesticides, paint products, and automotive products-emerged in the late 1970s, the management of such materials has been a bouncing ball of responsibility for more than two decades. Consumer products are exempt from federal and most state regulations because of their household origin, and many communities still lack the basic information, guidance, and planning support for HHW management. Written by the forefathers and practitioners of HHW management, this book provides solid waste management professionals, municipal officials, chemical waste handlers, environmental students, and others with a comprehensive look at the state of HHW management. Readers will learn answers to questions such as * What is hazardous household waste and why do we collect it? * What are the main concerns? * How are HHW collections held and collected material managed? * What are some best management practices? * How can I motivate behavior change? * How can a product stewardship approach increase collections, cover costs, and promote better products?

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