

Identifying and Reporting Methamphetamine Waste on Your Property

The clandestine methamphetamine production problem in Kentucky continues to rise. This means the chances of finding a methamphetamine lab or the trash left behind by methamphetamine producers are also increasing.

Methamphetamine Waste May Include:

- Battery casings that have been stripped
- Soft drink bottles, plastic jugs, and gas cans with tubing attached to the lid
- Containers with liquid that appears to have layers
- Thermal containers with kitty litter in them
- Cold medicine blister packs or bottles of cold medicine
- Match boxes
- Iodine crystal containers
- Large bags of salt
- Strange smelling solvents (ether)
- Discarded propane tanks



DO NOT OPEN, TOUCH, BURY, OR SMELL ANY CONTAINER OR ITS CONTENTS.

Call **1-800-222-5555** immediately to report these findings to authorities immediately.

Do not handle or move this waste. Contents of containers are toxic and may be explosive. Propane tanks can be the equivalent of a bomb if cracked. Fires are very likely during some stages of the cooking process. Assessment can only be trusted if done by a trained, meth-certified professional.

Cleanup of this waste, *if not buried*, will be done at no charge to you.

Burying meth waste or pushing it into a sinkhole puts you at risk of injury and ensures contamination of soil, the water table, and underground streams. This creates a risk of crop contamination, livestock contamination, and expensive cleanup costs if removal of buried waste is necessary.

SOIL, WATER, CROP AND LIVESTOCK SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU.

For additional information on health issues in Kentucky, contact your local County Extension Office or visit the HEEL website at: www.ca.uky.edu/HEEL

<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/news/021028.html>

<http://www.prescottaz.com/meth/danger.htm>

<http://news.uns.purdue.edu/UNS/html3month/030825.Deboy.workshop.html>

<http://usinfo.state.gov/gi/Archive/2003/Jun/08-632478.html>

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