Roadside Cleanup
BEWARE OF METH LAB WASTE

People make or “cook” the drug, **methamphetamine (meth)**, using legal, over-the-counter products. Many of these products are hazardous. Labs and lab waste can be found in coolers, bins, and trash dumped along roadsides.

**Common Waste Products**

Do not touch, smell, or examine items such as those listed here.

Call local law enforcement, by dialing **911**, if you suspect you have found materials used to make meth.

- Common cold pills or diet pills
  - Containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine
- Muriatic acid
  - In swimming pool, well, concrete, stone cleaner/etcher
- Alcohol or methanol
  - “Heet” brand gasoline additive or rubbing alcohol
- Camp fuel or charcoal starter
- Iodine crystals from liquid
- Sodium hydroxide; sulfuric and hydrochloric acid
  - “Red Devil” lye and other drain cleaners
- Red phosphorus
  - Match books or sticks
- Ether
  - Engine starting fluid
- Solvent
  - Acetone, benzene, toluene, methyl ethyl ketone, xylene
- Lithium battery pieces
- Table salt and rock salt
- Glass baking dishes
- Stained, used coffee filters
- Rubber or plastic hosing
- Duct tape
- Contaminated cat little bags and litter
- Ammonium nitrate
  - In chemical ice packs
- Plastic soda bottle
  - With brown or white residue
- Anhydrous ammonia
  - In 20 lb. propane tanks, coolers, or thermos bottles. The presence of anhydrous in propane tanks is indicated by bluish-green coloring of brass tank valves.

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