Late summer often means more yardwork, DIY projects, and outdoor cleanup—but some common household items can pose serious risks when placed in curbside carts.

Items like batteries, propane tanks, pool chemicals, and leftover paint should never be disposed of in your trash or recycling. These materials are considered hazardous and can cause fires, harm collection crews, or damage equipment.

To protect your neighborhood and WM teams, be sure to set these items aside and check with your city or HOA for proper disposal options. In some areas, WM offers special services such as At Your Door Special Collection® to safely handle household hazardous waste.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our communities safe and sustainable!

