

CONCEPT I: Products containing toxic chemicals are routinely used in activities of daily living.

CONCEPT II: Unsafe use of household toxics can adversely affect health.

CONCEPT III: Unsafe disposal of household toxic substances may adversely affect health and the environment.

CONCEPT IV: Safer substitutes are available for common household toxics.

KNOWLEDGE	SKILL	COMMITMENT
Potentially toxic substances are found in many home and garden products.	Identify some common products containing toxic chemicals used in the home.	Share information learned with family and friends.
Using toxics unsafely can cause injuries and illnesses.	Identify the health effects associated with chemicals found in household products, and, learn how toxics should be used with caution.	Encourage family and friends to take proper precautions when handling household toxics.
Unsafe disposal practices may include throwing toxics in the trash, down a drain, burying them in the yard, or burning them.	Identify one local business/agency involved with toxics disposal.	To avoid an unnecessary disposal problem, buy less toxic products or buy only what will be used up.
Safer substitutes reduce health and environmental hazards.	Identify less toxic substitutes for common home and garden products.	Think of ways to reduce the use of toxics in your home.