

Safety Alert - Hazardous Materials

The following information, if followed, will help protect individuals from dangers posed by Hazardous Waste along the highways.

Meth Lab Wastes: Methamphetamine drug lab waste can be found in many shapes and forms. Over 300 different chemicals can be used in production of the drug depending on the procedure used. The waste can be disposed of in many different ways.



Propane cylinders from grills are used to transport anhydrous ammonia. This ammonia can burn your skin and cause very severe respiratory damage. These tanks, when used with the brass fitting, can explode when moved. The ammonia degrades the brass to the point where it can blow the fitting out of the tank, endangering individuals in the area.



The brass fittings on the tanks will turn a blue to blue green color as shown in the picture on the left. Some tanks

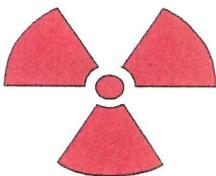
have been modified with other fittings. If you find cylinders, **DO NOT TOUCH** but note location and report it to nearest Minnesota Department of Transportation office.



Other meth lab waste could be medicine boxes, pill residue (putty looking substance pink to red in color), respirator masks, rubber gloves, rubber hosing and clamps, pyrex glass, corning containers and other containers with rubber hoses

attached. Bed sheets or pillow cases stained red or containing a white powdery residue may also be found.

RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS:

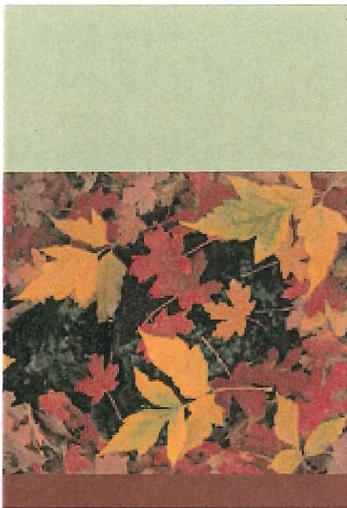


If you see this symbol or the words **RADIOACTIVE** on a package, **DO NOT TOUCH**. Report this to the nearest Mn/DOT office.

Biohazard Material: Medical Waste



This is the symbol for biohazard materials that could possibly be found on the roadway. If you find a container with this symbol **DO NOT TOUCH**, report location to the nearest Mn/DOT office.



SCOTT COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Adopt-A-Highway

Stop The Snipe!

The past few years mass-produced signs proclaiming weight loss, diet pills and work-at-home job offers, etc. have proliferated along the highway. In addition there is the continual placement of signs noting various objects for sale, garage sales and the like.

In an effort to keep the highway right-of-way clear of illegally placed objects and signs which may restrict the visibility of the drivers or distract the driver's attention, Scott County Highway Department encourages the Adopt-A-Highway participants to pick-up/remove those items as part of the Fall/Spring clean-up.

To help determine the boundaries of the highway right-of-way, a general guideline is the location of overhead power telephone lines. The poles are generally located on the outside edge of the roadway's right-of-way limits. If there is any question that a sign or object is on private property, please do not remove.



Classic example of snipe along our roads.



Thank you for your continuing help in keeping Scott County highways clean.