



Notice:

Be Alert for Outdoor Methamphetamine Lab Hazards

Methamphetamine cooking sites have been found on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. Your safety is our priority! Please get educated and be vigilant when working in or visiting the national forest.

What you need to know:

- Unlike other illicit drugs, methamphetamine (meth) is easily made by individuals using household ingredients.
- At first glance, many labs or lab dumps look like trash or litter.
- The chemicals used to produce meth are extremely hazardous. Some are highly volatile and may ignite or explode if mixed or stored improperly. Labs are frequently abandoned. Every pound of drug produced may leave behind five to seven pounds of liquid or solid waste.
- Meth production is dangerous. Simply being exposed to the toxic chemicals used to make the drug pose a variety of health risks.

If you find a trash dump, avoid contact with any of the items. Leave the area immediately and report the location to the Forest Service at (540) 984-4101 or local Sheriff's Office.



Photo Left:
Ingredients from meth
trash dump.



Photo Right:
Backpack meth lab.



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Watch Out For:



Flammable solvent in large containers or with other waste. May include camping fuel, paint thinner, engine starter fluid, Heet, paint thinner.

Large quantities of glass and plastic containers, buckets, plastic hose.



Any containers with "bi level" liquids or residue.

Batteries that have been opened to get the lithium strips.



Any containers with plastic tubing or hoses.

Syringes found in dump site area.



Quantities of coffee filters or paper towels with unusual, often reddish stains.

Light bulbs found near dump site area.



Drain openers, muriatic acid, Red Devil Lye, Crystal Drano, iodine, hydrogen peroxide, isopropyl alcohol.

Trash bags with an ether, solvent or ammonia odor.



Propane tanks with painted or corroded brass fittings.

If you find a meth lab trash dump... ***Leave it alone and report it!***