



Notice:

Be Alert for Outdoor Methamphetamine Lab Hazards

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

What you need to know:

- Methamphetamine, also known as meth, crank, crystal, and speed, is an illegal drug. Meth is a powerful central nervous system stimulant that is highly addictive.
- Methamphetamine (meth) is easily made by individuals using household ingredients. At first glance, many abandoned meth cooking sites, also called labs or lab dump sites, look like trash or litter.
- A person using meth can be anxious, paranoid and violently dangerous. If you suspect someone, leave the area immediately.
- The chemicals used to produce meth are extremely hazardous. The greatest risk to you are chemical poisoning or burns.
- Meth production is dangerous. The process mixes materials that can easily ignite or explode.

If you find a possible trash dump, avoid contact with any of the items. Leave the area immediately and report the location to the U.S. Forest Service: 540-984-4101 or your local Sheriff's Office: 911

Photo:
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 cleaners, 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 site
...Leave it alone, note the location and report it!

