

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News

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SWA to close five Home Chemical and Recycling Centers

At the close of business Monday, March 30, the SWA will close five Home Chemical and Recycling Centers. This is due to continuing developments around the county's COVID-19 response, specifically Palm Beach County's Amendment to Emergency Order 3 on March 29 implementing the Stay Home-Stay Safe: Safer at Home Policy and Florida's Emergency Order 20-83.

Two HCRCs will remain open for crucial customer needs only. They are:

- West Palm Beach

Home Chemical and Recycling Center

6161 N. Jog Road in West Palm Beach

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- Delray Beach – West

Southwest County Transfer Station

13400 S. State Road 7 in Delray Beach

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

As always, commercial quantities of hazardous waste require special disposal. Call 561-687-1100 for details on your business becoming registered as a small quantity generator.

Garbage, recycling, yard waste and bulk waste collection are operating as scheduled. However, now is not the time to make unnecessary trips to any of the SWA's disposal facilities with materials that can be collected as part of regular curbside collection. These unnecessary trips place SWA employees at risk.

Whether you are sick, caring for a sick family member or healthy, please securely tie all of your garbage in plastic garbage bags. This additional precautionary measure includes securing all personal hygiene products, used tissues, paper towel, sanitary wipes, face masks, gloves, and similar items in plastic garbage bags. Garbage bags should be tied securely for disposal.

If taking this time at home to clean up or clean out, use curbside bulk collection <<https://swa.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8ba8a48f2f68f6f06690e18d1&id=66732b3cb6&e=0a7127ba53>> for disposal. In unincorporated Palm Beach County, bulk item <<https://swa.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8ba8a48f2f68f6f06690e18d1&id=6e3ec28629&e=0a7127ba53>> pick up is provided once a week and limited to 3 items per collection day. If in a city, contact them <<https://swa.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8ba8a48f2f68f6f06690e18d1&id=bf14717ede&e=0a7127ba53>> for bulk item collection.

The county's virus response has impacted SWA operations in the following ways:

- * Closing of five Home Chemical and Recycling Centers.
- * Closing of the Customer Convenience Drop-off Center at the North County Landfill. Residents and small haulers with demolition/renovation; trash/yard wastes; or other smaller waste loads are being diverted directly to the landfill.
- * Closing of the SWA Greenway Trail per County Emergency Order 3.

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County has developed a COVID-19 website<<http://www.swa.org/COVID19>> where impacts to solid waste services and programs are outlined.

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About the SWA

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County is a Dependent Special District that was created by the Florida Legislature in 1975. Since then, the SWA has developed an award-winning integrated solid waste management system to handle the county's waste and recyclables. We call ourselves AWAY: whether you throw it, recycle it or flush it AWAY, we put your waste to work. Each year, we:

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Process more than 90,000 tons of recyclables<<http://www.swa.org/RecycleRight>> each year
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Combust approximately 1.8 million tons of trash each year to generate electricity at renewable energy facilities<<http://swa.org/364/Renewable-Energy-Facilities>>
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Produce enough electricity to power approximately 74,000 homes
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Recycle more than 150,000 tons of wastewater treatment residuals<<http://swa.org/353/Biosolids-Processing-Facility>> (sludge from flushes) into environmentally-friendly fertilizer

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Safely dispose of more than 4.2 million pounds of home hazards<<http://swa.org/171/Home-Chemical-Disposal>> a year

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Collect water off of the roofs of Renewable Energy Facility 2<<http://swa.org/375/Palm-Beach-Renewable-Energy-Facility-2>> and store it in a 2 million gallon cistern, which is used as part of the energy making process

With the recent changes to the SWA's website, anyone can now sign up to receive SWA news, calendar updates, jobs, or other Web postings of interest by signing up online<<http://www.swa.org/list.aspx>>. Should you sign up online to receive SWA's news releases, we can remove you from this distribution by sending a REMOVE reply to this email.

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