

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News

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SWA's October Household Hazardous Waste Tip: Hazardous Chemicals Could Haunt Your Home

It's spooky season, and chemical horrors might be hiding under your sink or lurking in your shed!

Almost every home has some chemical product that can be hazardous if not disposed of properly. Items such as rechargeable batteries, paints, motor fluids, propane tanks, pesticides, fluorescent bulbs and electronics pose a threat to the public, solid waste workers, and our environment if tossed in the trash or on the ground.

Fortunately, vanquishing these harmful horrors is easy: Palm Beach County residents can take these and other household hazardous wastes to any of the SWA's seven [Home Chemical and Recycling Centers](#) for FREE and safe disposal.

The SWA's locations include (from north county to south county):

- **Jupiter**
North County Transfer Station
14185 N. Military Trail (SWA Road) in Jupiter
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **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.
- **Belle Glade**
Glades Regional Transfer Station
1701 State Road 15 in Belle Glade
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Royal Palm Beach**
West Central Transfer Station
9743 Weisman Way in Royal Palm Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Lantana**
Central County Transfer Station
1810 Lantana Road in Lantana
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 12 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.

- **Delray Beach – East
South County Transfer Station**
1901 SW 4th Ave. in Delray Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Commercial interests should call 561-687-1100 for disposal options.

In the last fiscal year, Palm Beach County residents recycled:

- 116,599 pounds of batteries
- 557,368 pounds of used oil
- 95,349 pounds of fuel
- 48,734 pounds of used paint

at the SWA's [Home Chemical and Recycling Centers](#). Each year, the SWA's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers either recycles or safely disposes of 4M pounds of household hazardous wastes.

Join us in battling the hazardous beasts that could contaminate our communities. Remember, *pollution prevention starts at home*. A full list of household hazardous wastes can be found at [SWA.org/HCRC](#) or call 866-SWA-INFO (866-792-4636) to learn more about the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers.

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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:

- Process more than 100,000 tons of [recyclables](#) each year
- Combust approximately 1.8 million tons of trash each year to generate electricity at [renewable energy facilities](#)
- Produce enough electricity to power approximately 74,000 homes, about the number of homes in Boca Raton and Palm Beach Gardens
- Recycle more than 150,000 tons of [wastewater treatment residuals](#) (sludge from flushes) into environmentally-friendly fertilizer
- Safely dispose of more than 4 million pounds of [home hazards](#) a year
- Collect water off of the roofs of [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](#). Should you sign up online to receive SWA's news releases, we can remove you from this distribution by sending a

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