

## **Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News**

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### **SWA's November Household Hazardous Waste Tip – After the Feast, Recycle the Grease**

Fried turkeys are a Thanksgiving treat, but that used cooking oil? Not so much.

All home cooking oils - frying oil and bacon and hamburger drippings - can cause problems with plumbing, sewage collection systems and septic systems. If dumped down any drain, these oils can clog pipes, even if washed down with hot water. Blocked pipes can also cause sewage backups – an unappetizing thought and potentially expensive repair.

Fortunately, Palm Beach County residents can recycle their used cooking oil for FREE, including canola, corn, olive, peanut and vegetable oils, as well as lard.

To recycle your oil:

- Allow the used cooking oil to cool.
- Carefully pour the cooled cooking oil into a large, sturdy plastic or wax-coated leak-proof container no larger than 5 gallons, such as the original container or a juice carton.
- Cap the container securely.
- Don't mix the used cooking oil with any other liquids or products.
- Take to any of the SWA's seven [Home Chemical and Recycling Centers](#).

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

- **Jupiter**  
**North County Transfer Station**  
14185 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 South 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.

This used cooking oil drop off program is for *residential cooking oil only*. Commercial and industrial customers must contact a licensed commercial grease hauler for cooking oil disposal. Call 561-687-1100 for disposal options.

For more information on recycling cooking oil, go to [SWA.org/CookingOil](http://SWA.org/CookingOil).

In the last fiscal year, Palm Beach County residents recycled more than 49,000 pounds of cooking oil at the SWA's [Home Chemical and Recycling Centers](#). Overall, the SWA's [Home Chemical and Recycling Centers](#) either recycled or safely disposed of 4.9M pounds of household hazardous wastes.

Remember, *pollution prevention starts at home*. A full list of household hazardous wastes can be found at [SWA.org/HCRC](http://SWA.org/HCRC) or call 866-SWA-INFO (toll-free) 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 4.9 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

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