

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News

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SWA's December Household Hazardous Waste Tip: Do Good by Your Dead Devices

Black Friday is no match for Outmoded Machine Monday.

If the holidays have you replacing that eight-track player, upgrading your ancient Atari, or stocking up on new televisions, computers or other electronics, don't just stow those [outdated devices](#) in your garage or attic! Instead, recycle them at the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County.

Accepted items include:

- Audio/visual equipment: VCRs, stereos, etc.
- Cell phones
- Computer CPUs and laptops
- Computer monitors
- Computer accessories: keyboards, mouse devices, printers, scanners, etc.
- Rechargeable batteries
- Televisions
- Telecommunications equipment: phones, fax machines, etc.
- Holiday lights

In the last year, Palm Beach County residents recycled more than 1M pounds of electronics. Not a bad encore for old or outdated items with a cord that could have wound up in a landfill. And, for the past few years, the SWA's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers have either recycled or safely disposed of more than 4.9M pounds of household hazardous wastes.

Palm Beach County Residents can bring all of their electronic items to any of the seven Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County [Home Chemical and Recycling Centers](#).

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 quantity electronics may require special disposal. Call 561-687-1100 for details on recycling electronics from your business.

Collected items are sorted by SWA staff and hauled away by a private contractor. Any useful components are recovered and reused when possible. Everything else is shredded, sorted by type and each material – plastics, metals and glass – is recycled into new products.

By recycling electronics, you can help protect the health of your community, family and environment; reduce the pollution created by manufacturing new products; and reduce the energy needed to make those new products. For more information on electronics recycling, visit SWA.org/Electronics or call 561-687-1100.

Remember, *pollution prevention starts at home*. A full list of household hazardous wastes can be found at SWA.org/HCRC or call 561-697-2700 or 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*

Please note: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most communications to or from the Solid Waste Authority are considered to be public records and will be made available to the public and the media upon request. Therefore, your e-mail message may be subject to public disclosure.