

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News

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Change the Way You Dispose of Fluorescent Lightbulbs

If you've swapped out your standard incandescent lightbulbs for fluorescent lightbulbs, remember one key thing: your new, energy saving lightbulbs contain mercury and should not be thrown away in the trash.

Palm Beach County residents can bring fluorescent lightbulbs (both long and curly-tube shaped) and an array of mercury-containing devices such as thermostats, thermometers, electrical switches and liquid mercury, to any of 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 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.

Commercial quantities of items that contain mercury may require special disposal. Call 561-687-1100 for details on recycling mercury and mercury-containing devices from your business.

In the last fiscal year, Palm Beach County residents recycled 55,296 pounds of fluorescent lamps. Each year, the SWA's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers either recycles or safely disposes 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 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 4.9 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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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.