Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News August 5, 2022

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SWA's August Household Hazardous Waste Tip

~If you're a do-it-yourself mechanic, remember to dispose of it yourself~

- Graphic: Attached (Hyperlink https://swa.org/171/Home-Chemical-Disposal)
- Video (English): https://youtu.be/d_7lvD98b2Y
- Video (Spanish): https://youtu.be/0kzZ3HFS0Tw

Get in gear with good practices that protect our environment and keep our communities clean.

Whether from cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, recreational vehicles or lawn mowers, DIY mechanics know that these items should not be mixed or thrown away in the garbage:

- antifreeze
- filters
- fuels
- motor oils

Palm Beach County do-it-yourselfers should bring these items to one of seven Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County Home Chemical and Recycling Centers or to any number of local service stations and auto parts stores that accept these waste fluids, as well as used oil filters.

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 (formerly Process 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.

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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 disposal must follow special guidelines. Call 561-687-1100 to learn more.

To prevent spills, transport used motor fluids in the oil change containers sold at retail stores or in clean plastic containers with a lid. Clearly label all containers and never mix used oil with any other liquids – including water.

One cup of spilled motor oil can contaminate more than 62,000 gallons of fresh water, so keep sand or kitty litter handy in case a spill occurs.

In the last fiscal year, Palm Beach County residents safely disposed of or recycled more than 4.9M pounds of home chemicals. This included more than:

- 557,000 pounds of motor oils
- 95,000 pounds of fuels
- 65,000 pounds of antifreeze
- 16,000 pounds of filters

More disposal information can be found online at <u>SWA.org/HCRC</u> or by calling 561-697-2700 or 866-SWA-INFO (866-792-4636).

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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 <u>recyclables</u> 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 <u>wastewater treatment residuals</u> (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 <u>Renewable Energy Facility 2</u> 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.