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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 Video (English): <u>https://youtu.be/EnvvV-hBg60</u> Video (Spanish): <u>https://youtu.be/0kzZ3HFS0Tw</u>

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 should not mix these items nor thrown them 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 <u>6161 N. Jog Road</u> 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

<u>9743 Weisman Way</u> 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 disposal must follow special guidelines. Call 561-687-1100 to learn more.

To prevent fuel, oil or lubricant spills, transport the used motor fluids in 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 almost 4.9M pounds of home chemicals. This included more than:

- 507,000 pounds of motor oils
- 79,500 pounds of fuels
- 40,000 pounds of antifreeze
- 16,500 pounds of filters

Pollution prevention starts at home. Visit <u>swa.org/hcrc</u> or call 561-697-2700 or 866-792-4636 (toll-free) to learn more about the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers.

REMINDER: Hurricane season started June 1. Hurricane season preparations can help minimize property damage and make our communities safer. Once a storm threatens, it's too late to trim trees. So, now is the time to complete major vegetation trimming.

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About the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA or Authority) 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 100,000 tons of <u>recyclables</u>
- Combust approximately 1.8 million tons of trash to generate electricity at renewable energy facilities
- Produce enough electricity to power approximately 90,000 homes
- Recycle more than 130,000 tons of <u>wastewater treatment residuals</u> (sludge from flushes) into an environmentally-friendly fertilizer amendment
- Safely recycle or dispose of almost 4.9 million pounds of <u>home hazards</u>

• Collect rainwater from 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

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