

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

Promo Graphic: Attached

Promo Video: <https://youtu.be/15CFyG1KE5o?si=kYUGk7uBgiAnikjs>

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

All home cooking oils, including 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 causing an unappetizing thought and potentially expensive repair.

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

To recycle your used cooking 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 five 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 & Recycling Centers](#) and empty into the specially marked drum.

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's (SWA) locations include (from north county to south county):

- **Jupiter**

North County Transfer Station and Home Chemical & Recycling Center

[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 & 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 and Home Chemical & Recycling Center

[1701 State Road 15](#) in Belle Glade

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

- **Royal Palm Beach**

West Central Transfer Station and Home Chemical & Recycling Center

[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 and Home Chemical & Recycling Center

[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 and Home Chemical & Recycling Center

[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 and Home Chemical & Recycling Center

[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.

In the last fiscal year, Palm Beach County residents recycled more than 73,000 pounds of cooking oil at the SWA's [Home Chemical & Recycling Centers](#). For more information on recycling cooking oil, visit swa.org/cookingoil.

Last year, the SWA's [Home Chemical & Recycling Centers](#) either recycled or safely disposed of more than 4.6M 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 by calling 866-792-4636 (toll free) to learn more about the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's [Home Chemical & Recycling Centers](#).

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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 [recyclables](#)
- 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 [wastewater treatment residuals](#) (sludge from flushes) into an environmentally-friendly fertilizer amendment
- Safely recycle or dispose of almost 4.9 million pounds of [home hazards](#)
- Collect rainwater from 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

Anyone can [sign up on the SWA's website](#) to receive SWA news, calendar updates, job announcements or other web postings of interest. Should you sign up online to receive SWA's news releases, we can remove you from the distribution list by sending a reply with the subject "REMOVE" as a reply to this email.

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