

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

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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upgrading your ancient Atari, or stocking up on new televisions, computers or other electronics, don't just stow those [outdated devices](#) in your garage or attic!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 (SWA).

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

Last year, Palm Beach County residents recycled more than 786,000 pounds of electronics. That's not a bad encore for old or outdated items with a cord that could have ended up in a landfill. And the SWA's Home Chemical & Recycling Centers (HCRCs) either

recycled or safely disposed of more than 4.6M pounds of household hazardous wastes overall in 2022.

And don't forget the batteries that may go along with these electronics. If improperly disposed of, they could start a fire in waste trucks or at the SWA's recycling facility. Batteries such as rechargeable, nickel-cadmium, automotive, lithium or lead-acid should be dropped off at one of the SWA's seven Home Chemical & Recycling Centers. Your regular, alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D and 9 volt) can be placed into the garbage bin without fear of starting a fire. More than 216,000 pounds of batteries were dropped off at the HCRCs last year.

Palm Beach County Residents can bring all their electronic items and batteries to any of the seven Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County [Home Chemical & 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 electronic 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 – plastic, metal 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 by calling 561-697-2700 or 866-SWA-INFO (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

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