

## **Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News**

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### **SWA Hosts FREE Lithium Battery Collection and Document Shredding Event in Delray Beach**

**Promo Graphic:** Attached

Join the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) to keep your batteries out of our waste stream and safeguard your personal information by getting your documents shredded for free.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Palm Beach County residents can drop off their lithium batteries and get up to six boxes of personal documents shredded for FREE. This community event is at the Southwest County Transfer Station and Home Chemical & Recycling Center, 13400 South State Road 7 in west Delray Beach.

Lithium batteries may be found in mobile phones; laptops, tablets, computer peripherals, Bluetooth devices and smart wearables; cordless/handheld power tools; game controllers; digital cameras; greeting cards; electric toothbrushes; e-bikes and e-scooters; remote controls and keyless entry remotes; children's toys; two-way radios; and wireless headphones, among others. If not properly disposed of, lithium batteries can cause fires in collection vehicles or at a waste processing facility. While this event is focused on lithium batteries, the event will also accept deep cycle and car or boat batteries, as well. Electric vehicle batteries are not accepted at SWA facilities and must be brought back to the dealer.

It is recommended to place non-conductive clear tape on the terminals of batteries to avoid them touching and causing a fire. It is also advisable to place lithium batteries in separate plastic bags for the same precaution. Commercial quantities of batteries may require special disposal. Call 561-687-1100 for details on recycling batteries from your business.

For those coming to get their personal documents shredded, only up to six boxes of documents will be accepted. These boxes are similar to what reams of paper come in.

Residents will not have to get out of their vehicles at this event. SWA workers will take personal documents from the vehicle and place them into the paper collection carts for shredding. Due to the anticipated volume of participants and limited parking available, it will not be possible to watch your personal documents get shredded.

[Learn more](#) about the proper disposal of home chemicals or household hazardous wastes.

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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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