

Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste and Chemicals

For the protection of our environment, please properly dispose of your household hazardous materials at SWA's North County Transfer Station in Jupiter. Chemicals, oils, fuels, paint, electronics and mercury/fluorescent lights can be disposed of at no charge at this location. These materials **cannot** go out in your weekly curbside trash. The Jupiter facility is on SWA Road, off Military Trail (just a block from Donald Ross). For more information, contact SWA at (561) 697-2700.

	Used Oil, Filters & Antifreeze Oil and petroleum products can pollute ground and surface waters. Take used oil to an HCRC drop-off area or call 800-741-4DEP to find a participating public used-oil collection center. Antifreeze is especially toxic to animals. Take to an HCRC drop-off area.		Flares Marine and roadside flares can cause fires when disposed in the garbage. Take to an HCRC drop-off area.		Household and Auto Batteries Rechargeable batteries contain toxic metals and can be recycled. Call 800-8-BATTERY for a participating drop-off retailer or take to an HCRC drop-off area. Non-rechargeable batteries, such as alkaline, can be thrown away with household garbage. Automotive and vehicle batteries contain large amounts of lead and acids. Take to an auto parts retailer or to an HCRC drop-off area.
	Pesticides Use as directed or take to an HCRC drop-off area. Empty pesticide containers can be thrown away with household garbage.		Mercury and Fluorescent Lights All fluorescent lights, some float switches and thermostats contain mercury. Mercury is a toxic metal that bio-accumulates in fish and animals in the environment. Take to an HCRC drop-off area. Ten or more lights may be considered commercial.		Used Cooking Oil Used cooking oil can harm septic tanks and clog sewers. It can also be used to make a variety of products including new fuel for cars and trucks. Take it to your nearest HHW drop-off area.
	Gas Cylinders Propane and other flammable gases can cause explosions or fires when disposed in the garbage. Take to an HCRC drop-off area or propane dealer.		Paint Liquid paints can cause big messes when mixed with trash and some paints are flammable or contain toxic metals. Take to an HCRC drop-off area. Alternatively, latex paint can be dried out and thrown away with your household garbage. Remove lid and add sand, cat litter or sawdust to absorb liquid. Leave uncovered in garbage.		Sharps Needles and other medical wastes are not accepted at SWA HCRC facilities. The Palm Beach County Health Department has a Used Sharp Depository program. Call 561-837-5900 press 7 for more information.
	Fuel and Gas Containers up to 5 gallons can be left at any site. Containers can only be emptied and returned at the West Palm Beach and Delray Beach - West facilities.		Electronics Electronics - such as computer, printers, cell phone and stereos - contain many recyclable materials and small amounts of toxic materials. Take to an HCRC drop-off area. Five or more computers may be considered commercial.		Pharmaceuticals Keep your prescription medication away from our children and out of our water supply. Drop off your unwanted prescription drugs at participating police stations. Please go to pbcdrop.org for your nearest location.

For more information about the proper disposal of household hazardous waste, call 561-697-2700 or visit our website at SWA.org/HCRC or Earth911.com.
Businesses should call 561-687-1100 for more information.