



HAZARDOUS WASTE?

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**BRING IT TO US
AT THE HWCC.**



Alachua County Haz Waste.us
352 - 334 - 0440

ABOUT THE HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER (HWCC)

Unwanted household chemicals, automotive fluids, pharmaceuticals, and various hazardous materials, substances or products can be toxic to the public and pose a threat to the environment if improperly discarded or placed in the trash.

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The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department provides a free countywide service for the proper management of hazardous and toxic materials and waste for Alachua County residents. The vast majority of waste is recycled. The waste that cannot be recycled is either neutralized or sent to a hazardous waste incinerator for proper disposal.

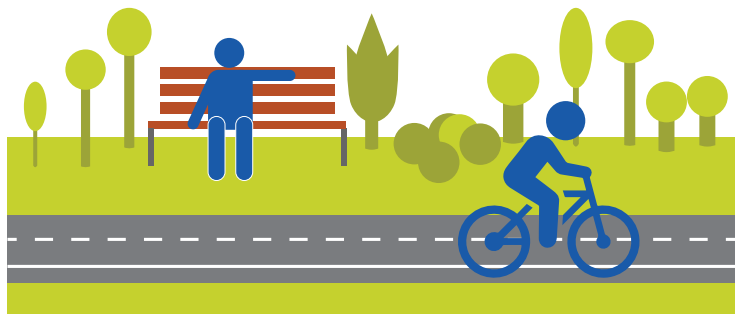
Thank you for keeping Alachua County clean and healthy by bringing the following hazardous wastes to the HWCC to be properly disposed:

- Poisons and Pesticides
- Paint thinners
- Radiator fluid
- Used oil/lubricants
- Oil filters
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
- Insecticides
- Gasoline/fuels
- Fluorescent lamps & CFLs
- Electronics
- Sharps (syringes, needles and lancets)
- Thermostats and thermometers
- Used cooking oil
- Computers
- TVs
- Paints
- Batteries, all types
- Fertilizers
- Household cleaners
- Corrosives
- Propane tanks
- Pharmaceuticals
- Aerosol cans
- Roof tar
- Brake and transmission fluids
- Flares and ammunition
- Microwaves

For more information or to inquire about the proper disposal and storage of items not listed, please call **(352) 334-0440** or visit AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us.



INNOVATIVE DISPOSAL PROGRAMS



All hazardous waste collected by the County is properly managed and disposed of by specialized contractors.

The vast majority of collected waste is recycled (such as latex paint, oil, e-scrap and batteries). The waste that cannot be recycled is either neutralized or sent to a hazardous waste incinerator for proper disposal.

Home Heating Oil Recovery Program

Property owners who have an old underground or aboveground heating oil tank that is no longer in use and still contains old fuel, are eligible to have the fuel pumped and disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. This is a free service to county homeowners.



Boat Fuel Tank Pump Out Service

Boat owners with stale or contaminated fuel in their tanks can trailer their boat to the HWCC during normal hours of operation to have their fuel pumped out free of charge.

Unwanted Medicines

Alachua County residents can bring in their unwanted/expired prescription or over-the-counter medication for proper disposal free of charge. Please NEVER dispose of unwanted medicines down the toilet or down the drain. Wastewater treatment systems are not designed to remove these compounds and they can pose a threat to human health and the environment. Medicines brought to the HWCC are dissolved on-site and rendered irrecoverable.

Waste Vegetable Oil (WVO) Recycling Program

Waste vegetable oil turned in by county residents gets transformed on-site into biodiesel - a resource which generates power for the HWCC. This process decreases costs of fossil fuels and water treatment and in turn increases the sustainability of Alachua County.

**Call 352-334-0440 for
current disposal locations.**

WE PROCESS OVER 400 TONS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE EACH YEAR!

RECYCLE YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS!

E-scrap is unwanted electronic products and equipment including computers, cell phones, televisions and other consumer electronics.

Why is e-scrap a concern?

New advances in technology are happening rapidly and consumers are constantly upgrading to new equipment and discarding old products.

Hazardous materials associated with e-scrap include a variety of heavy metals and other substances known to pose hazards to human and environmental health when disposed of improperly. For example, computer and television monitors containing cathode ray tubes contain high amounts of lead. Other potentially hazardous materials include cadmium, mercury, antimony and arsenic.

E-scrap also contains materials that should be recovered and recycled. The e-scrap received from both residents and businesses is collected and prepared for pick up by the County's recyclers. Their state-of-the-art recycling equipment shreds and separates electronics into their original materials of plastics, steel, aluminum, precious metals from the motherboards, and glass from the monitors. These materials are made into other products. The secure, environmentally friendly methods are free for residents and only a small fee for businesses.

Is there a fee?

Residents:

- The Hazardous Waste Collection Center offers FREE e-scrap recycling for residents.

Small Business or Nonprofit Organizations:

To help offset the cost associated with the proper end-of-life management of electronics, there is a small disposal fee for businesses:

- LCD/LED TVs or Monitors - Call for current pricing.
- Cathode-ray tube TVs (CRT TVs) - Call for current pricing.
- Most other electronics - FREE!
- Cash, check or credit card accepted.

- Proper identification for your business (such as a business card) will need to be provided.
- Please contact us at (352) 334-0440 prior to drop off to discuss program availability for your business and to determine the fee for waste disposal.
- The County reserves the right to refer your business to a private state-certified e-waste demanufacturer.

What type of e-scrap is accepted?

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| • Cellular Phones | • Computer Printers and Scanners | • Stereo Components |
| • Computer Desktop Towers | • Game Systems | • Tape Recorders |
| • Computer Monitors | • Laptop Computers | • Telephones |
| • Computer Peripherals (keyboard, mouse, etc.) | • Microwaves | • Televisions |
| | • Power Tools | • VCR/DVD Players |



WHAT NOT TO BRING TO OUR COLLECTION CENTERS



Our centers process over 400 TONS of corrosive, toxic, ignitable and/or reactive hazardous waste items yearly. But there are some things even we can't accept, such as:

- Bio-hazardous wastes: Red bag wastes, lab cultures, vaccines, discarded medicines, blood-coated clothing or cotton balls, medical tubing or catheters.
- Uncontained or improperly contained sharps, needles, or syringes: You may use a sealed/lidded hard-sided plastic container (e.g. kitty litter bin, milk jug, or laundry detergent bottle) to store and transport these materials to our facility.
- Solid waste, recyclables, treated wood, or appliances with refrigerant or coolant inside: You will be redirected to the County Transfer Station.
- Radioactive devices (including smoke detectors): The Nuclear Regulatory Commission considers domestic smoke detectors below regulatory concern and recommends disposal in regular household trash or mail back to manufacturer. Check back of the detector for company name and address.
- Asbestos (call Levy County Solid Waste (352) 486-3300).
- Controlled Substances
- Styrofoam



Businesses must comply with federal, state and local hazardous waste rules and regulations. Ensure that your business avoids penalties by properly managing and disposing of wastes at the HWCC or other approved disposal facilities.

The following small businesses are required to comply:

- Auto Repair Shops
- Chiropractors
- Construction Companies
- Dental Offices
- Dry Cleaners
- Laboratories
- Maintenance Companies
- Paint and Auto Body Shops
- Painters
- Printers
- Silk Screen Printers
- Veterinarians

Small businesses must properly dispose of the following hazardous and regulated wastes:

- Aerosol Cans
- Antifreeze
- Automotive, Rechargeable Batteries
- Contaminated Soil/Rags
- Electronics (e-scrap)
- Fertilizers
- Flammable Liquids
- Fluorescent Lamps
- Gasoline
- Lab Chemicals
- Light Ballasts
- Oil Filters
- Paint
- Paint Thinner Waste
- Pesticides
- Photographic Waste
- Shop Rags and Absorbents
- Used Oil

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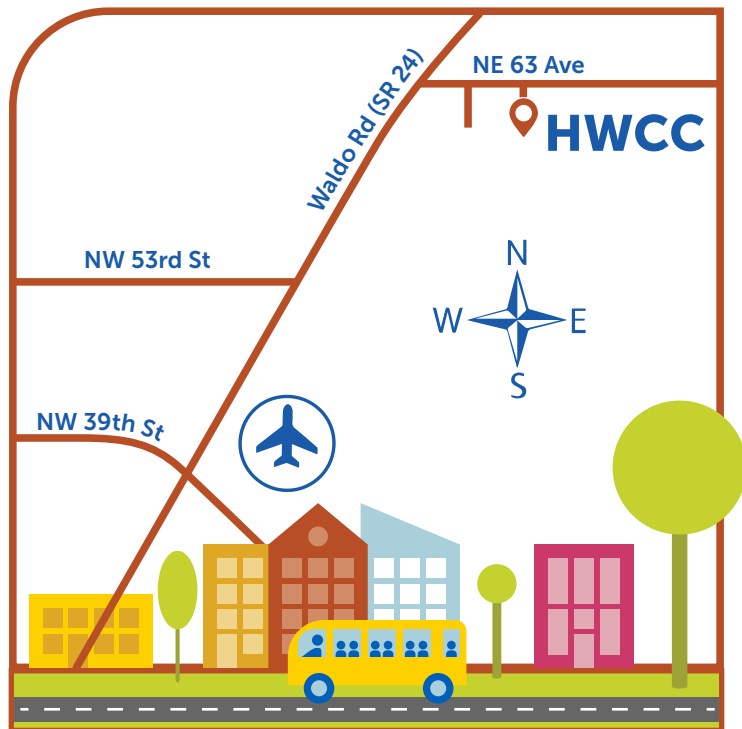
COLLECTION CENTER LOCATIONS

Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC)

5125 NE 63rd Ave
Gainesville, FL 32609
(352) 334-0440
AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday
7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday
8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Closed Sundays and holidays



The Rural Collection Centers accept hazardous waste from Alachua County residents only. Limited types and amounts of hazardous waste are accepted at these locations.

Alachua County Rural Collection Centers

(The following locations do not accept business or commercial-use only waste.)

North Central Solid Waste Collection Center
10714 N State Rd 121
Gainesville, FL 32653
(352) 334-3875

Phifer Solid Waste Collection Center
11700 SW Hawthorne Rd
Hawthorne, FL 32640
(352) 334-3874

Alachua – High Springs Solid Waste Collection Center
16929 NW US HWY 441
High Springs, FL 32643
(386) 454-2563

Fairbanks Solid Waste Collection Center
9920 NE Waldo Rd
Gainesville, FL 32609
(352) 334-3873

Southwest Landfill Collection Center
19401 SW Archer Rd
Archer, FL 32618
(352) 495-3257

Hours of Operation:
Monday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Tuesday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Friday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Saturday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Closed: Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday

Some local businesses, such as home improvement stores, accept household hazardous waste for recycling (ex: CFLs, batteries, etc.). Call (352) 334-0440 or visit AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us for more information.

Helpful Links

Earth911.com

Recycling locations, news and other helpful information.

call2recycle.org

Information and location finder for consumer battery stewardship program.

Productstewardship.us

Non-profit committed to reducing the health, safety and environmental impacts of consumer products.