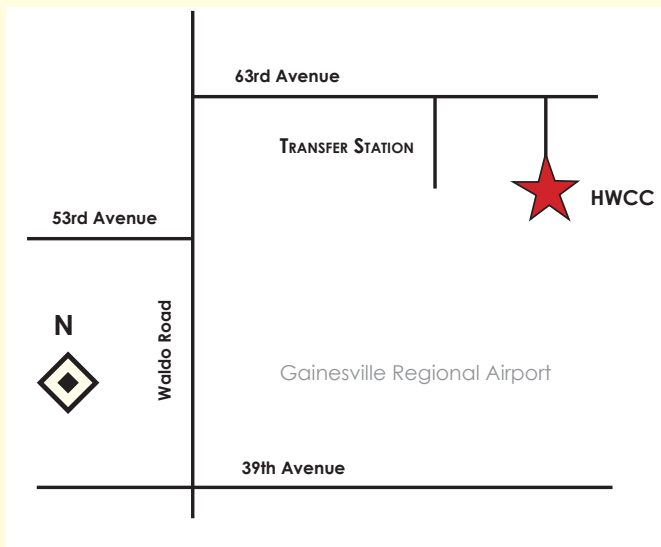


# Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center



## Located at:

5125 NE 63rd Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32609

Phone: (352) 334-0440

Web site: [www.alachuacounty.us](http://www.alachuacounty.us)  
(search keyword "HWCC")

## Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday  
from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Saturday from 8:00 am – noon  
Closed Sundays and holidays

The HWCC is located next to the Leveda Brown Environmental Park and Transfer Station (Two miles north of the Gainesville Airport on Waldo Road).

Contact the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center at (352) 334-0440 for disposal locations and more information on this free program.



# Environmentally Responsible Disposal of Unwanted Medicines

Information Guide





The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department offers a safe and environmentally responsible service for the disposal of unwanted medication **Free of Charge** to Alachua County residents.

Unwanted medicines can be dropped off for proper disposal at the **Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center** and at specific alternate County locations. Call (352) 334-0440 for disposal locations, directions and more information on this free program.

Alachua County's service accepts prescription and over-the-counter medications (including pills, gel caps, capsules or liquids) that are unwanted, expired, damaged or unusable for their intended purposes.

### **No Narcotics or Controlled Substances are Accepted Due to DEA Regulations.**

- It is advised to NEVER flush medication down sinks, drains or toilets.
- Disposing of medicine into your trash can result in accidental poisoning to children and pets and the potential of diversion or theft.

### **Environmental Concerns About Improper Disposal of Unwanted Pharmaceuticals**

- Disposing of unwanted pharmaceuticals and medicine in domestic sewage systems is causing scientific and national concern due to the potential threat to aquatic life and human health from exposure to surface or groundwaters which receive discharges from domestic sewage treatment systems.
- Current sewage treatment systems are ineffective in removing low levels of pharmaceuticals in the treated waste stream.

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