

# HAZARDOUS WASTE HOW-TO GUIDE

for Residents in Sarasota County



**Sarasota County residents may dispose of household hazardous waste at one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers.**

Most household hazardous wastes are not collected curbside. Common household products like aerosols, cleaners and fluorescent lamps can release toxic propellants, chemicals and mercury into the atmosphere and waterways when they are abandoned in garages, crushed in waste hauling vehicles or placed in the landfill. Sarasota County residents may take accepted items generated from their home that are not from business-related activities to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers for safe disposal free of charge. Proof of county residency (driver's license, tax bill, utility bill, etc.) may be required.

Wastes generated from a business, a not-for-profit organization, a community service, or other entrepreneurial ventures are not eligible for free disposal. These types of operations can enroll in Project Green Sweep if they meet program qualifications.

Items commonly mistaken for hazardous materials include automotive parts, glass, mirrors, scrap metal and small appliances. These types of items may be disposed of in the garbage.

Need assistance? Sarasota County's Solid Waste Division is committed to assisting residents with household hazardous waste items. Call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for the Hazardous Waste Program.

## How do I dispose of hazardous waste?



### Appliances

Small appliances such as blenders, coffee makers and paper shredders can be placed in the garbage for disposal. Larger appliances, including refrigerators, washers or dryers, require a special pickup. Contact Waste Management at 941-493-4100 to schedule.



### Ammunition, Flares and Firearms Disposal

Residents should contact local law enforcement for specific instructions on how to dispose of ammunition, flares or firearms.



### Automotive Products

Automotive fluids and antifreeze can be brought to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers for safe disposal or returned to stores that accept them.

### Batteries

Alkaline batteries may be placed in the garbage (AA, AAA, 9volt, C, D). Rechargeable, button, nickel-cadmium and lithium-ion batteries should be brought to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers or a local retailer for recycling and safe disposal.

### Chemicals

Chemical cleaning products, lawn and garden chemicals, fertilizer, pesticides and pool chemicals should be brought to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers for safe disposal.

### Electronics, Monitors and TVs

Sarasota County residents may bring computer systems, fax machines, keyboards, power supplies, printers and scanners for free drop-off at one of the Chemical Collection Centers. Businesses may bring eligible electronics, including TVs and monitors, to the Bee Ridge Chemical Collection Center or the Citizens' Convenience Center for disposal as part of Project Green Sweep (charges apply).

TVs and monitors may be placed at the curb for pickup during regular weekly collection services. If TVs weigh more than 40 pounds, contact Waste Management to schedule a pickup. Requests should be made prior to your collection day. TVs and monitors may be disposed of at the Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex (standard disposal fees apply).

## Fluorescent Lights

Fluorescent lightbulbs and tubes contain mercury and should be brought to one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers for safe disposal. Please separate fluorescent lamps and ballast from the fixtures prior to arrival.

## Fuels and Tanks

Residents may dispose of gasoline, diesel, kerosene or propane tanks (up to 20 pounds) at one of the county's Chemical Collection Centers.

## Medications

Residents wishing to dispose of pills, tablets or non-liquid medications should use the permanent drop boxes located at each of the area law enforcement agencies or check with local pharmacies to confirm if they have disposal kiosks set up to accept medications, ointments and patches. Do not discard down the sink or toilet as they can harm the environment.

## Miscellaneous Items

Sarasota County's Chemical Collection Centers also accept items such as automotive products, fire extinguishers, gas, paint thinner, solvents and toxic waste from residents in Sarasota County.

## Needle Disposal and Free Sharps Containers

Never place needles or lancets in your garbage or recycling containers. Sarasota County offers free needle collection containers and disposal services to residents. For program information, contact the Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County at 941-861-6133.

## Paint Disposal

Sarasota County residents may dispose of unwanted paint from their residence at one of the three Chemical Collection Centers. Dried, water-based paint can be disposed of in the garbage.

## Used Motor Oil, Oil Filters and Tire Disposal\*

Used motor oil and oil filters may be placed at the curb for pickup during regular weekly collection services by following the procedures outlined in the Helpful Tips section or brought to one of the three Chemical Collection Centers for disposal. Automotive tires may also be placed curbside for collection following the procedures outlined in the Helpful Tips section or they may be disposed of at the Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex (standard disposal rates apply).

**\*APPLIES ONLY TO RESIDENTS LIVING IN UNINCORPORATED SARASOTA COUNTY**

*Residents living in the cities of Venice, North Port, Sarasota and Town of Longboat Key are governed by separate collection programs.*

## HELPFUL TIPS

### Used Motor Oil

- Place in see-through plastic beverage containers (one gallon or less in size) with a screw-top cap. Empty oil containers may be placed in the garbage.
- Mark all containers with the words "used oil."
- Place used oil next to garbage containers on your regular pickup day.
- Limit five gallons per week.

### Used Oil Filters

- Place in a sealed, clear plastic bag.
- Place oil filters next to garbage containers on your regular pickup day.
- Limit five oil filters per week.

### Used Tires

- Must be 25" or less in diameter.
- May be on or off the rim.
- Limit four automotive tires per week.
- Tires may be disposed of at the Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex (standard disposal fees apply).
- If your tires are not collected by 8 p.m. on your collection day, please contact Waste Management on the following business day to report it as a missed collection.

## COLLECTION CENTERS

Operation days and hours vary by collection center.

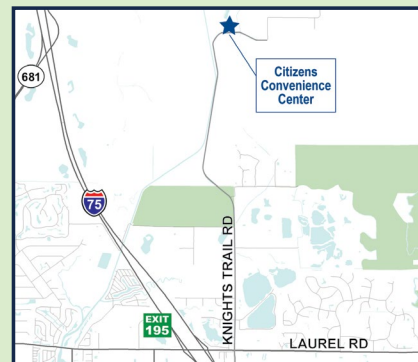
### Citizens' Convenience Center at the Landfill

4010 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis

**Monday - Friday\***  
**8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Saturday**  
**8 a.m. - 2 p.m.\***

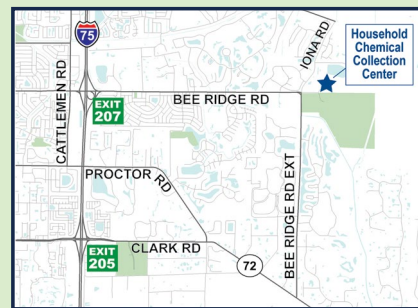
*\*Hand unloads must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to closing.*



### North County

8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota

**Monday - Saturday**  
**8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



### South County

250 S. Jackson Road, Venice

**Wednesday - Saturday**  
**8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

