Home Safe Home

Doing the Right Thing is Good for You and the Environment

Think that getting rid of an old battery is as simple as throwing it in a garbage can? Or that it's OK to dispose of chemicals by pouring them in the sewer system or down a storm drain? Think again.

The curb, a community collection center, down the drain or on the ground are not places for chemical waste.

Chemicals that are improperly disposed of can release toxic fumes, cause fires, pose a health risk for residents and collectors, and contaminate the groundwater supply and the environment.

Do the right thing. Take these items to one of Hillsborough County's Household Chemicals and Electronics Collections sites for safe disposal.

The chemical wastes accepted at the County's Household Chemicals and Electronics Collections are disposed of only at sites approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In fact, most chemical waste is rendered harmless through treatment at disposal sites outside of Florida, or is recycled.

Used oil, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, paint, computers and other items are safely recycled or disposed of by Hillsborough County.

Household Chemicals and Electronics Collections Centers

Please note that for the safety of the public and Hillsborough County employees, the collections may be suspended during periods of threatening weather.

Large and oversized loads may not be accepted, at the discretion of staff, due to limited on-site, temporary storage capacity. Facilities may close early once maximum storage capacity is reached.

Northwest – 9805 N. Sheldon Road, Tampa 33635
First Saturday of the month; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

South County – 13000 U.S. Highway 41, Gibsonton 33534 (use Powell Road entrance, off U.S. Highway 41, a quarter-mile north of Big Bend Road)
Second Saturday of the month; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

East County – 6209 County Road 579, Seffner 33584 (a quarter-mile north of Interstate 4, exit 10)
Third Saturday of the month; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Community Collection Centers

Open Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Electronics only – no chemicals accepted.

To access the Community Collection Centers, homeowners should bring their Hillsborough County property tax bill, which shows the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Assessments, and photo identification.

Northwest – 8001 W. Linebaugh Ave., Tampa 33625

Northeast – 6209 County Road 579, Seffner 33584

East County/Alderman Ford – 9402 State Road 39, Lithia 33547

South County – 13000 U.S. Highway 41, Gibsonton 33534 (use Powell Road entrance, a quarter-mile north of Big Bend Road)

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Solid Waste Management Group

813-272-5977 or 813-272-5680

www.hillsboroughcounty.org/solidwaste

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A Resident's Guide to Household Chemicals & Electronics Disposal

How and Where to Safely Dispose of Cleaning Supplies, Oil, Paint, Yard Chemicals, Pesticides, Batteries, Computers, Televisions and More

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who may use the Household Chemicals and Electronics Collections Centers?

A. Any resident of unincorporated Hillsborough County.

Q. What should residents bring to access a Household Chemicals and Electronics Collections Center?

A. For tracking purposes, residents may be asked for their ZIP code. There are no other requirements.

If residents take electronics to a Community Collection Center (instead of a Household Chemicals and Electronics Collections site), they must bring their Hillsborough County property tax bill showing the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Assessments, and photo identification. If the resident rents their home or apartment, they should coordinate with their landlord or property manager to make arrangements to use a Community Collection Center. The Public Utilities Department can assist landlords wishing to dispose of materials for their tenants.

Q. Is there a cost to dispose of chemicals and electronics?

A. This cost is included in the Solid Waste Collection Centers and Disposal Assessment; there is no additional charge.

Q. How should household chemicals and electronics be transported?

A. There are several precautions residents should take to make their travels safe.

- Never mix different chemicals in the same container. This could create a serious and potentially life-threatening health hazard.
- Bring products in original containers with original labels.
- If a product has been poured into another container, clearly label the container with its contents.
- Ensure containers are not leaking. Cap tightly.
- Put chemicals in a vehicle when they are ready to be taken to a collection site, not before.
- Transport items in the trunk or rear of a vehicle in sturdy boxes and containers that can be thrown away.
- Line boxes with kitty litter to absorb any leaks.
- Open a window while driving to the site.

These Items **ARE ACCEPTED** at the Household Chemicals and Electronics Disposal sites:

NOTE: Large and oversized loads may not be accepted due to limited on-site, temporary storage capacity. If you need assistance in determining what is considered an oversized load, call 813-272-5977, ext. 43930 or email PUD-SpecialWaste@hillsboroughcounty.org.

A/C Thermostats
Aerosols
Ammunition
Artist's Paint Medium
Batteries (auto, nicad, etc.)
Bug Spray
Car Wax with Solvent Chemicals
Cleaning Compounds
Cooking Oil
Diesel Fuel
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Fertilizers
Fiberglass Epoxy
Flares
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Fuel Oil
Fungicides
Floor Care Products
Gasoline / Gasoline Cans
Glue (solvent-based)
Gum Cleaning Solvents
Herbicides
Insecticides
Mercury Thermostats
Metal Polish with Solvent
Moth Balls
Motor Oil
Oily Rags
Paint and Primer
Paint Thinner and Stripper
Photographic Chemicals
Pool Chemicals
Propane Tanks (under 20 lbs., limit 4)
Radiator Fluid
Rat Poison
Refrigerator Capacitors, Freon and Transformers
Stain and Varnish
Weed Killer
Wood Preservatives

Electronics

(limited to 5 items per collection event)

Computers
Computer Components
Copiers
Fax Machines
Laptop Computers
Monitors
Microwave Ovens
Printers
Radios
Scanners
Stereo Components
Telephones and Cell Phones
Televisions
Toasters
VCR / DVD Players

These Items **ARE NOT ACCEPTED** at the Household Chemicals and Electronics Disposal sites:

Asbestos – Materials containing asbestos must be transported safely to the Hillsborough County Southeast County Landfill for disposal. Contact the Public Utilities Department at 813-272-5977 for information.

Biohazardous Home Health Care Products – Take home health care products, such as needles, sharps and other possible biohazardous waste, to a doctor or major medical facility.

Biomedical Wastes – Consult a biomedical waste company, a local hospital, or the Hillsborough County Health Department, 813-307-8000, for proper disposal. www.hillscountyhealth.org

Explosives – Contact local law enforcement agencies for proper disposal. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications – Visit www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/medications for disposal information.

Radioactive Materials – Contact the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation Control, 850-245-4266, or the 24-hour Radiological Emergency Number: 407-297-2095 for proper disposal. www.myfloridaeh.com/radiation

Smoke Detectors – Some battery-powered ionization-type smoke detectors may contain radioactive materials. Return old smoke detectors to the manufacturer. Use non-ionizing photoelectric-type detectors instead.

Commercial Waste

Hillsborough County's Household Chemicals and Electronics Collections Centers are **strictly for residential waste**.

No commercial or business-related waste can be accepted.

If there is a need to dispose of these kinds of items, contact a hazardous waste collector or the Hillsborough County Public Utilities Department for guidance.