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Drop off household hazardous waste, get a free microfiber cleaning cloth

Sarasota County is partnering with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to encourage the proper disposal of household hazardous waste during Pollution Prevention Week, Sept. 15-21. On Saturday, Sept. 20, all three of the county's collection sites will distribute microfiber cleaning cloths to anyone who brings in household hazardous waste. The cloths are provided by FDEP, which is focusing its pollution prevention efforts on "green" cleaning methods.

According to one manufacturer of microfiber cleaning cloths, the cloths require only hot water, providing a chemical-free cleaning solution that can limit chemical reactions in asthma and allergy sufferers. The cloths contain no cleaning agents, soap or detergent, and can be used on most household surfaces.

"Pollution Prevention Week is a great opportunity for the community to raise its awareness of pollution issues and act accordingly," said Solid Waste Manager Lois Rose. "People can do this by being informed about the products they purchase, but also by first asking themselves, 'How will I properly dispose of this when I'm done using it?' We're thrilled that FDEP is offering our customers a safer way clean their homes."

Residents can drop off their waste and collect a microfiber cleaning cloth at one of three locations:

- North Sarasota County
Chemical Collection Center
8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota
- Central Sarasota County
Central County Solid Waste Landfill Facility
4010 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis
- South Sarasota County
Chemical Collection Center
250 S. Jackson Road, Venice

Sarasota County is hosting a variety of other activities Sept. 15-21 to showcase Pollution Prevention Week, an annual celebration of programs and activities that encourage the prevention and elimination of waste production at its sources. It includes environmentally sound reuse or recycling initiatives that sustain the environment and stimulate the local economy.

For information on how to get involved in activities for Pollution Prevention Week, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000

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