

## Sarasota County

# HAZARDOUS WASTE GUIDE

## for Homeowners

### KEY

Curbside Collection

General Information

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## Household Hazardous Waste

### What is household hazardous waste?

Common household products like aerosols, cleaners and fluorescent lamps are safe enough fresh off the store shelf, but can release toxic propellants, chemicals and mercury into our atmosphere and waterways when abandoned in garages or crushed in waste-hauling vehicles and placed in the landfill.

You may be surprised at the products in your home that have the words “danger,” “warning,” “caution” and “poison” on the label. Never dispose of these toxic household items down the sink, on the ground, down a storm drain or in your garbage. Some household products without warning labels are also considered hazardous, such as computers, compact fluorescent lamps and batteries.

## Common Household Hazardous Wastes

- Paints and stains
- Pesticides, herbicides and poisons
- Pool and spa chemicals
- Motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline and other automotive fluids
- Paint thinners and solvents
- Household cleaners
- Rechargeable and button batteries (alkaline-based batteries can go in the garbage for disposal)
- Art and hobby supplies
- Aerosol spray products
- Propane tanks and bottles from barbecue grills
- Fluorescent lamps, compact fluorescent lamps and ballasts

- Mercury containing items, such as thermometers and thermostats
- Beauty products such as nail-polish remover, hair perms and alcohol-based perfumes
- Cellular phones
- Computers
- Fax machines
- Keyboards
- Power supplies
- Printers
- Scanners

## What's Not Accepted at Collection Centers?

- Ammunition, fireworks, flares (call your local law enforcement agency for collection information)
- Cylinders – only propane barbecue-grill-size or smaller are accepted
- Microwaves and small appliances
- Containers larger than 5 gallons
- Medications
- Tires

**Note:** Materials and items commonly mistaken for hazardous materials include: glass, mirrors, microwaves, automotive parts, scrap metal, paper shredders and vacuums. These items may be disposed of in the garbage. Contact your solid waste office for specific service guidelines.

## TIPS

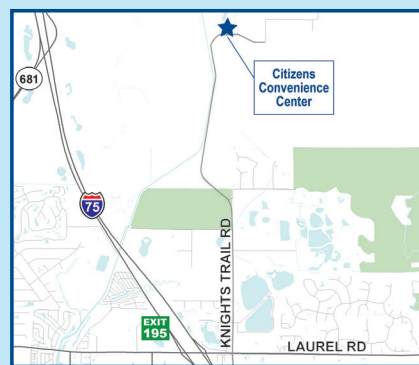
- Dispose of empty product containers in the garbage.
- Dispose of dry paint cans in the garbage, without the lids on.
- Dispose of alkaline batteries in the garbage (AAA, D, AA, etc.).
- Used motor oil, filters and electronics can be picked up at the curb.
- Rechargeable batteries, fluorescent lamps and electronics may be taken to local retailers (check with local retailer for availability).

## Collection Centers for Hazardous Waste

Please read carefully the operation days and hours for each collection center as they vary:

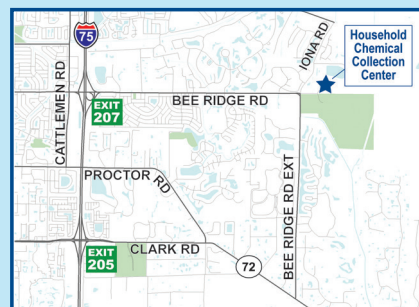
### Citizens Convenience Center at the Landfill

4010 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis  
Open Monday through Friday  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.



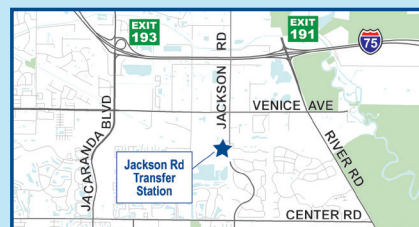
### North County

8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota  
Open Monday through Saturday,  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.



### South County

250 S. Jackson Road, Venice  
Open Wednesday through Saturday,  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.





## Hazardous Waste That Can be Placed at the Curb for Pick-up

## Motor Oil and Filters

Motor oil and oil filters can be picked up at the curb on your regular collection day.



- Place oil in plastic containers with a screw-top cap. Label the container "used oil." Place filters in sealed clear plastic bags.
- Limit of five gallons of oil and five oil filters per week.

## Electronics

Residents may call Waste Management at 493-4100 to schedule a pick-up for an electronic item. Requests for pick-ups must be made three business days prior to your regular collection day. This service is included at no additional cost (item limits may apply).

- Computers      • Keyboards
- Fax machines

Electronics (excluding televisions) may also be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste collection center.

Electronics from businesses or other organizations are not accepted at curbside.

For residents of the City of Sarasota, City of Venice and the City of North Port, contact your city solid waste office for pick-up availability and requirements for both motor oil and filters and electronics.

## Appliances

Appliances such as blenders, coffee makers and paper shredders can be placed in the garbage for disposal.

Some appliances, such as refrigerators, washers and dryers, require a special pickup. Please call 493-4100 to schedule a pickup.

## Medications

To keep medications out of the wrong hands and provide a disposal method that is safe for the environment, collection boxes have been installed at the following locations.

**Sarasota County Sheriff's Office - North**  
861-5800  
Lobby hours: 24 hours a day  
6010 Cattleridge Blvd.  
Sarasota, FL 34232

**Sarasota County Sheriff's Office - South**  
861-1704  
Lobby hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
4531 State Road 776  
Venice, FL 34293

**Sarasota Police Department**  
366-8000  
Lobby hours: 24 hours a day  
2099 Adams Lane  
Sarasota, FL 34236

**Venice Police Department**  
486-2444  
Lobby hours: M-F, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
1350 Ridgewood Ave.  
Venice, FL 34285

**North Port Police Department**  
429-7300  
Lobby hours: 24 hours a day  
4980 City Hall Blvd.  
North Port, FL 34291



**IMPORTANT:**  
If you have expired or unused medications, don't discard them down the sink or toilet, as they can harm the environment and wildlife.

### Is it free?

Hazardous wastes are accepted at no cost as long as the waste has been generated from your personal **residential** use.

Waste 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 for their disposal needs if they meet program qualifications. Call 861-5000 for program information.

## Needles

**Never place needles or lancets in garbage or recycling bins.**



**Needles are not collected at the curb.**

- Sarasota County offers free needle-collection containers and disposal services to residents.
- For program information call the Department of Health at 861-6133.