

## YOU TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

### What is Household Chemical Waste?

You might be surprised to discover how many common products found in your home or under the kitchen sink could be harmful to your health or the environment if used or disposed of improperly. Most homes contain three to ten gallons of these everyday products.



Unwanted household products labeled as flammable, toxic, corrosive, and/or reactive are common household chemical wastes.

Following items are accepted at the Topaz Court facility:

Aerosols	Antifreeze
Ammunition	Automotive Fluids
Car and Boat Batteries	Cleaning Compounds
Compact Fluorescent tubes and bulbs	
Cooking Oil	Diesel Fuel
Fertilizers	Fiberglass Epoxy
Fire Extinguishers	Flares
Floor Care Products	Freon
Fungicides	Furniture Polish
Gasoline	Herbicides
Kerosene	Insecticides
Moth Balls	Metal Polish
Pesticides	Paint (Oil & Latex)
Poisons	Photochemicals
Propane Tanks	Pool Chemicals
Resins	Rechargeable Batteries
Smoke Detectors	Solvents
Thermostats w/Mercury	Varnish
Weed Killers	Wood Preservatives

## PREVENT POLLUTION OF SOIL AND WATER

E-Waste can be placed at the curb for collection by the franchised garbage company. If residents desire, they may bring e-Waste to the Topaz facility. CPU's, printers, TV's, scanners, VCR's, DVD players, monitors, cell phones, peripherals. Small kitchen appliances can go in the trash.

Please note that we can not accept large household appliances, AC units, dehumidifiers, hot water heaters, etc. For questions call 239-533-8000. Expired medications can be returned to the Lee County Sheriff's headquarters at 14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

### SAFETY WARNING:

*The materials listed to the left should NOT be placed for regular trash collection, poured down the drain or poured on the ground. Please bring items to the Lee County Household Chemical Waste (HCW) Collection site at 6441 Topaz Court.*



FOR ASSISTANCE CALL  
239-533-8000

### What Are the Dangers of Improper Disposal?

Care must be taken to properly use, store, and dispose of chemical products so they do not harm people, pets, or the environment. Solvents, oil based paints and garden pesticides can pollute our underground water resource if disposed of improperly. More than 92% of Florida's drinking water is ground water. Burying used oil in backyards or pouring solvents into storm drains are examples of improper disposal, which may cause chronic groundwater pollution problems.



### Do not bring empty containers or trash!

Example: empty paint cans with solidified paint, empty aerosol cans, alkaline batteries, joint compounds, tile grout and cement can all go in with the regular household garbage. Each garbage can should be less than 50 lbs.

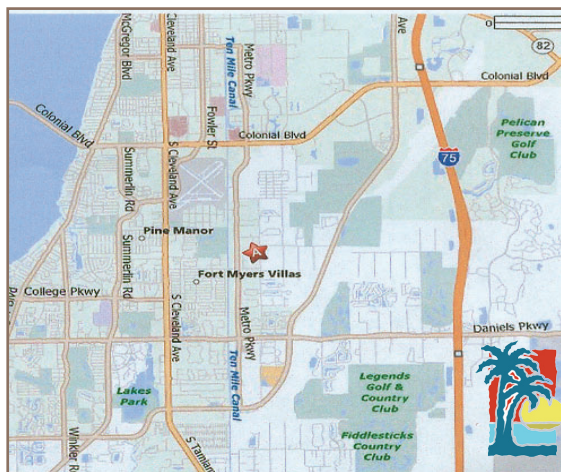
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## What happens to my Household Chemical Waste?

Chemical waste taken to the County's Topaz Court facility is disposed of only at sites approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Most of it is either recycled for energy recovery or rendered harmless through chemical treatment at disposal sites outside Florida.

Used oil, car batteries, and latex paint are a few examples of materials that can be recycled. By recycling and safely disposing of these wastes, Lee County reduces the amount of pollutants potentially entering the environment. In addition to reducing pollution, residents participating in this program can take pride in knowing they are doing their part to clean up and protect the environment.



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## HOW DO I SAFELY TRANSPORT HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE?

- Transport items in the trunk or rear of your vehicle in sturdy boxes or containers that can be thrown away.
- **Do Not mix products.**
- **Do Not Smoke.**
- Keep products in original containers or label products not in original containers.
- Secure products so they won't leak.
- Don't store products in the trunk of your car for days prior to bringing them to the collection facility.



Items not accepted are: Commercial Waste (only e-waste accepted, call for e-waste disposal pricing), Radioactive Materials, Biohazardous Waste, and Explosives.

**Reuse CENTER** NOW OPEN

Every day, residents drop off perfectly good paints, cleaners, and other household chemicals. Lee County Solid Waste is now offering those items back to the community at the new Reuse Center at 6421 Topaz Ct., conveniently located two doors down from the HCW Collection facility. These items are offered free of charge and inventory changes daily.

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## LEE COUNTY'S DROP OFF FACILITY FOR



# HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE

Located at  
6441 TOPAZ COURT  
in Fort Myers

Open to residents  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
8 AM - 5 PM  
also open FIRST SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
8 AM - NOON  
PENDING HOLIDAYS

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current information

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