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**Holiday prep - use hurricane-season gasoline now, dispose of turkey oil and other chemicals**

Fort Myers, FL, Dec. 1, 2022 – Lee County reminds residents to use gasoline purchased for hurricane readiness now that hurricane season has passed.

Gasoline naturally degrades and loses combustibility over time so it is not advised to store gasoline from year to year.

Prior to Hurricane Ian, Lee County residents brought nearly 2,000 gallons of old gasoline to Lee County's household chemical waste facility for safe, responsible disposal. Using that gasoline now means it won't become part of the waste stream next hurricane season.

Residents also are encouraged to bring leftover oil from holiday turkey frying to the Topaz Court Solid Waste Annex, 6441 Topaz in Fort Myers. The facility offers convenient drive-through service and is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month, including this Saturday, Dec. 3.

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