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WHAT HAPPENS TO MY HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE?

Most chemical waste taken to the Topaz Court facility is either recycled for energy recovery or rendered harmless through chemical treatment at sites approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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.

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REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Now residents can drop off household chemicals they no longer need and pick up items they do. The Lee County Reuse Center provides a double benefit to our residents. It reduces the amount of material that needs disposal and makes them available for reuse within the community.

The Reuse Center offers items such as latex paint, household cleaners and pesticides at no charge to Lee County residents. The facility is self-serve with Solid Waste staff available to answer questions. We do ask that residents limit the number of items they take to what they can hand carry out of the center.

Inventory changes daily - come check it out !

LOCATION: 6421 Topaz Court, Fort Myers, FL 33966
(East of Metro Pkwy, north of Crystal Dr.)

 **Hours of Operation (excluding holidays):**

MONDAY to FRIDAY
8 AM - 5 PM

also open
First Saturday of the month from 9 am - noon
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CHEMICAL WASTE FROM BUSINESSES IS NOT ACCEPTED!

TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE?

The number of common household products that could be harmful to your health or the environment if used or disposed of improperly may surprise you. Most homes contain 3-10 gallons of these everyday products.

Unwanted household products labeled flammable, toxic, corrosive and/or reactive are common household chemical wastes that should be disposed of at the Topaz Court Annex. Following are examples of these items:

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



PREVENT POLLUTION OF SOIL AND WATER

Electronic waste can be placed curbside for collection by the franchise hauler unless it has a rechargeable battery, such as cell phones and tablets. These items should be taken to the Topaz Court Annex as they can cause fires during transport or at disposal facilities.

Large household appliances, water heaters, AC units, etc. can be collected curbside or taken to a private recycler. These items are not accepted at the Topaz Court location.

Expired medications can be taken 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 in regular garbage for collection, poured down the drain or on the ground. Please bring these items to the Topaz Court Annex for proper disposal.

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.

Items not accepted: Commercial waste (only e-waste accepted, call for e-waste disposal pricing), radioactive materials, biohazardous waste and explosives.



WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF IMPROPER DISPOSAL?

More than 92% of Florida's drinking water is groundwater. Burying used oil in backyards or pouring solvents into storm drains are examples of improper disposal, which may cause chronic groundwater pollution. To protect our water, care must be taken to properly use, store and dispose of chemical products so they do not harm people, pets or the environment.

PLEASE NOTE: empty containers are garbage! Empty paint cans, aerosol cans, alkaline batteries, joint compounds, tile grout and cement can all be disposed of with the regular household garbage curbside collection.

YOU ARE A STEWARD OF YOUR ENVIRONMENT

For Assistance Call 239-533-8000