



Environmental
Protection Department

ALACHUA COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER

SAFELY DISPOSE OF UNWANTED DRUGS



INFORMATION GUIDE

NEVER FLUSH IT



The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department offers a safe and environmentally responsible service for the disposal of unwanted medication free of charge to Alachua County residents.

Unwanted medicines can be dropped off for proper disposal at the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC) and at specific alternate County locations. Call (352) 334-0440 for disposal locations, directions and more information on this free program.

Alachua County's service accepts prescription and over-the-counter medications (including pills, gel caps, capsules or liquids) that are unwanted, expired, damaged or unusable for their intended purposes.

NARCOTICS OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ARE **NOT** ACCEPTED DUE TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

Environmental Concerns About Improper Disposal of Unwanted Medicines:

- It is advised to NEVER flush medication down sinks, drains or toilets.
 - Disposing of medicine into your trash can result in accidental poisoning to children and pets and the potential of diversion or theft of medicine prescribed to you.
 - Disposing of unwanted pharmaceuticals and medicine in domestic sewage systems is causing scientific and national concerns due to the potential threat to aquatic life and human health from exposure to surface and groundwaters which receive discharges from domestic sewage treatment systems.
 - Current sewage treatment systems are ineffective in removing low levels of pharmaceuticals in the treated waste stream.
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Contact the Alachua County
Hazardous Waste Collection Center at
352-334-0440

for disposal locations and more information on this free program.

COLLECTION CENTER LOCATIONS

Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC)

5125 NE 63rd Ave
Gainesville, FL 32609
(352) 334-0440
AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us

Hours of Operation:

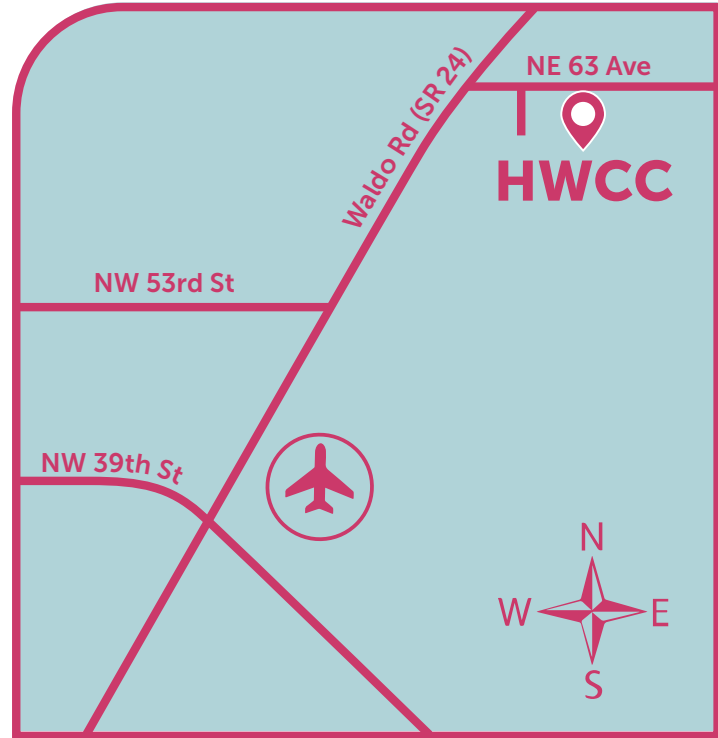
Monday-Friday

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Closed Sundays and holidays



The Rural Collection Centers accept hazardous waste from Alachua County residents only. Limited types and amounts of hazardous waste are accepted at these locations.

Alachua County Rural Collection Centers

(The following locations do not accept business or commercial-use only waste.)

North Central Solid Waste Collection Center
10714 N State Rd 121
Gainesville, FL 32653
(352) 334-3875

Phifer Solid Waste Collection Center
11700 SW Hawthorne Rd
Hawthorne, FL 32640
(352) 334-3874

Alachua – High Springs Solid Waste Collection Center
16929 NW US HWY 441
High Springs, FL 32643
(386) 454-2563

Fairbanks Solid Waste Collection Center
9920 NE Waldo Rd
Gainesville, FL 32609
(352) 334-3873

Southwest Landfill Collection Center
19401 SW Archer Rd
Archer, FL 32618
(352) 495-3257

Hours of Operation:

Monday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Tuesday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Friday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Saturday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Closed: Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday