

Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC)

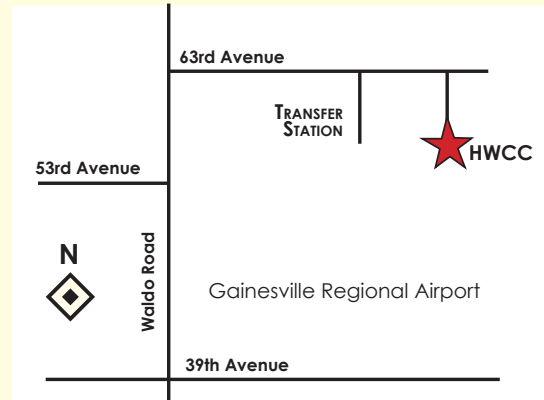
5125 NE 63rd Ave
Gainesville, FL 32609
Phone: (352) 334-0440
Web site: www.alachuacounty.us
(search keyword "HWCC")

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday
from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday from 8:00 am – noon
Closed Sundays and holidays

Need Directions?

The HWCC is located next to the Leveda Brown Environmental Park and Transfer Station (Two miles north of the Gainesville Airport on Waldo Road).



Innovative Disposal Programs

Home Heating Oil Recovery Program

Property owners that have an old underground or aboveground heating oil tank that are no longer in use that still contain old fuel are eligible to have the fuel pumped and disposed in an environmentally safe manner. This is a free service to county homeowners.

Boat Fuel Tank Pump Out Service

Boat owners with stale or contaminated fuel in their tanks can trailer their boat to the HW collection center during normal hours of operation to have their fuel pumped out at no charge.

Unwanted Medicines

A free service to properly dispose of unwanted/expired prescription or over-the-counter medicines is available to residents. Wastewater treatment systems are not designed to remove these compounds and can pose a threat to human health and the environment. Call (352) 334-0440 for current disposal locations.

NEVER dispose of unwanted medicines down the toilet or down the drain.

What happens to the household hazardous waste once it's collected?

All the household hazardous waste collected by the County is properly managed and disposed of by numerous contractors. The vast majority is recycled by various processes: into recycled latex paint, for fuel blending or for the recovery of various metals and glass. The waste that cannot be recycled is either neutralized or sent to a hazardous waste incinerator for disposal.

Bring your retired hazardous material to the Hazardous Waste Collection Center!
Visit www.alachuacounty.us for more information.



About The Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC)

Unwanted household chemicals, automotive fluids and various hazardous chemicals, materials, substances, or products can be toxic to the public and pose a threat to the environment if improperly discarded. These materials can be dangerous and should be properly managed and stored.

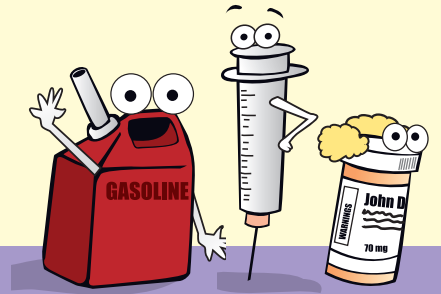
The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department provides a County-wide service for proper management of hazardous and toxic materials and waste from Alachua County residents (for FREE) and qualified small businesses (for a small fee) at the HWCC.



The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department is asking that the following hazardous wastes be stored and disposed of properly. You may bring these wastes to the Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC). For more information, or to inquire about the proper disposal/storage of items not listed, please call (352) 334-0440.

What type of hazardous waste is accepted?

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| • Aerosol Containers | • Poisons |
| • Antifreeze | • Pool Chemicals |
| • Automotive and Rechargeable Batteries | • Propane Tanks |
| • Brake Fluid and Transmission Fluid | • Sharps (syringes, needles and lancets) |
| • Corrosives | • Stale Gas and Diesel Fuel |
| • Emergency Flares | • Used Motor Oil and Filters |
| • Flammable Liquids | |
| • Fluorescent Lamps | |
| • Household Cleaners | |
| • Paint Products | |
| • Pharmaceuticals | |



Alachua County Rural Collection Centers

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Closed: Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday

The RCC's accept the following from **Alachua County Residents only:**
No business waste is accepted at these locations:

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| • Transmission Fluid | • Diesel | • Fluorescent Lamps |
| • Used Motor Oil | • Thinners | • Aerosol Cans |
| • Automotive Batteries | • Oil-based and Latex Paint | • Propane Tanks |
| • Dry Cell/Button Batteries | | • E-Scrap (electronic waste) |
| • Gas | • Used Oil Filters | |

Southwest Landfill Collection Center

2 miles west of Archer on SR 24 – (352) 495-3257

Alachua-High Springs Solid Waste Collection Center

Midway between Alachua and High Springs on US 441
(386) 454-2563

Fairbanks Solid Waste Collection Center

6 miles north of Gainesville on SR 24 (Waldo Road)
(352) 334-3873

North Central Solid Waste Collection Center

North Central Alachua County, SR 121 (also called NW 34th St.)
2.5 miles north of US 441 – (352) 334-3875

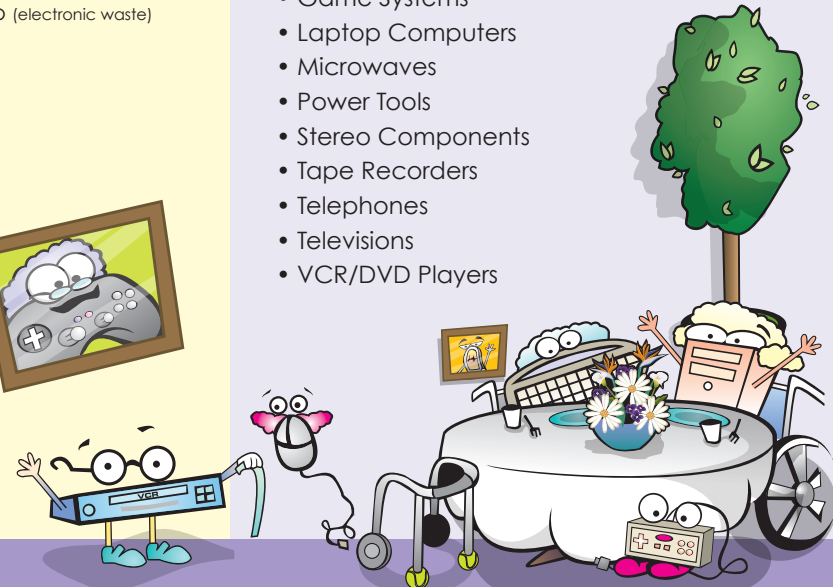
Phifer Solid Waste Collection Center

6 miles east of Gainesville on SR 20 (Hawthorne Rd.) – (352) 334-3874



What type of e-scrap is accepted?

- Cellular Phones
- Computer Desktop Towers
- Computer Monitors
- Computer Peripherals (keyboard, mouse, etc.)
- Computer Printers and Scanners
- Game Systems
- Laptop Computers
- Microwaves
- Power Tools
- Stereo Components
- Tape Recorders
- Telephones
- Televisions
- VCR/DVD Players



Give Your Electronics The Retirement They Deserve From All Their Years of Hard Work!

What is e-scrap?

E-scrap is unwanted electronic products and equipment including computers, cell phones, televisions and other consumer electronics.

Why is e-scrap a concern?

New advances in technology are happening rapidly and consumers are constantly upgrading to new equipment and discarding old products. Electronics contain a variety of materials, some of which are hazardous to the environment if leached into the soil and water.

What hazardous materials are associated with e-scrap?

Electronic components often contain a variety of heavy metals and other substances known to pose hazards to human and environmental health when disposed of improperly. Computer and television monitors containing cathode ray tubes contain high amounts of lead. Other potentially hazardous materials include cadmium, mercury, antimony and arsenic. There are also materials that should be recovered and recycled like glass from monitors, precious metals from the motherboard, and plastics from the cases.

Is there a fee to dispose of household hazardous waste and e-scrap?

There is no fee for residents to dispose of household hazardous waste or e-scrap at the HWCC.

Where do I bring my household hazardous waste and e-scrap?

Visit the HWCC at 5125 NE 63rd Avenue next to the Leveda Brown Environmental Park and Transfer Station (Two miles north of the Gainesville Airport on Waldo Road).

Closing the recycling loop

The e-scrap received from both residents and businesses is collected and prepared for pick-up by the County's recycler. Their state-of-the-art recycling equipment shreds and separates electronics into their original material of plastics, steel, aluminum, precious metals and glass where these materials are made into other products. Their secure, environmentally-sound methods eliminate any worry about retiring unwanted equipment generated in Alachua County.

