

Safe Disposal for Hazardous Product Waste

You can dispose of hazardous household products safely. Proper disposal keeps these hazards away from you, your family, and your pets, keeps the water and beaches healthy, and is safer for County and City workers.

The County provides *free safe disposal* of hazardous household products for St. Lucie County residents. Please use this free service to dispose of all your hazardous household products, including any chemical product that has an unreadable label.

What you can put in the trash:

- Empty containers – except aerosol cans.
Take the lid off before putting the container in the trash.
(Aerosol cans often contain residual propellant and may ignite).
- Dry latex paint. Leave lid off so refuse collectors will know what is being disposed of.



Drains, Gutters, and Trash Cans are not safe disposal alternatives!

- Every storm or outdoor drain in St. Lucie County leads to water. Everything in gutters and storm drains flows straight to the beach—so don't let anything but rain get into the storm drain!
- Indoor drains flow to a sewage treatment plant, which isn't designed to treat hazardous chemicals. That means untreated hazardous chemicals flow into the water along with the treated wastewater.
- Hazardous chemicals in trash can leak or react and cause fires or release toxic fumes.
- Many sanitation workers have been injured by hazards in trash. In addition, once the trash reaches the landfill, there is a risk that hazardous chemicals will leak into groundwater, a major source of drinking water in Florida.

Disposing of hazardous products in a drain or in the trash is not only unsafe—it's illegal!



There is no reason to keep dangerous waste products like old paint cans around the house when there is a safe, convenient and cost effective (FREE) disposal alternative right here in our county.

What residents say about the Household Hazardous Waste Center:

“Fast!”

“I like the drive-thru service.”

“Quick, efficient, courteous.”