

About Your Hazardous Waste Collection Center

(HWCC)

Whether you're at home or at work, did you know that unwanted cleaners, automotive fluids and various hazardous chemicals, materials, substances or products that are improperly generated or discarded can be toxic to the public and pose a threat to the environment? 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 County residents and qualified small businesses at the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC) and for HOUSEHOLDS ONLY at the five Rural Collection Centers.

Various chemicals, automotive fluids, pesticides, latex and oil-based paint, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic waste and pharmaceutical waste from households can be dropped off at the HWCC.

Alachua County processes more than 1.3 million pounds of hazardous materials annually.

Instead of storing hazardous waste at your home or business, call the HWCC today to find out where to take it.



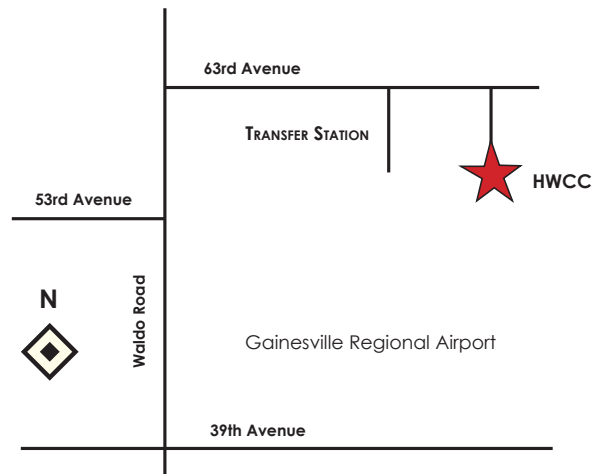
Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center

5125 NE 63rd Ave
Gainesville, FL 32609
Telephone #: (352) 334-0440

**Note: There is a small fee for some electronics.
Please call for more information.**

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday
7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday from 8:00 am – noon.



Driving Directions

The HWCC is Located at 5125 NE 63rd Ave. next to the Leveda Brown Environmental Park and Transfer Station (2 Miles North of the Gainesville Airport off Waldo Road).

Call (352) 334-0440 for more information
or visit www.alachuacounty.us
(search keyword "HWCC")



Environmental
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Why E-Scrap & Hazardous Waste Management Is Important

Why should you worry about your company's e-scrap?

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

New advances in technology are happening rapidly and, to stay competitive, businesses are constantly upgrading to new equipment and therefore storing or discarding their old products. It is important for businesses to have procedures in place to ensure that all end-of-life electronics are properly managed.

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, especially many older models of computer and television monitors. Monitors containing cathode ray tubes contain high amounts of lead. Other potentially hazardous materials include cadmium, mercury, antimony and arsenic.

And there are also materials that should be recovered and recycled like glass from the monitor, precious metals from the motherboard and plastics from the cases.

When your old electronic products are not properly managed – disposed appropriately, reused or recycled – their hazardous properties may leach and contaminate the soil and groundwater.

What can employees do?

- Be conscious – ask your company what they do with old or non-working electronic equipment.
- Be proactive – express your interest to recycle and request that old electronics be properly managed.

What can your company do?

- Create a written procedure for proper end-of-life management of e-scrap.
- Reuse, donate, or sell old, working electronics to charities or employees.
- Recycle non-working or broken electronics.
- Properly dispose of broken electronics.
- Educate employees on the proper end-of-life management of electronics.

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.

What does Alachua County offer to help manage your e-scrap?

SMALL BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

The County's Hazardous Waste Collection Center will accept quantities of up to 30 monitors per month from small- and medium-sized businesses. There are no monthly maximums for computers or computer peripherals. Proper identification for your business (such as a business card) will need to be provided. The County reserves the right to refer your business to a private state certified e-scrap demanufacturer. There is a **small fee** for some electronics and other **business** generated waste. Please call for more information. This is a **free** service for **households**.

LARGE BUSINESSES OR INSTITUTIONS:

Large quantities of e-scrap cannot be handled by the HWCC facility. For a list of e-scrap demanufacturers, please visit the County's website at: www.alachuacounty.us (keyword search "HWCC") or the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's website at: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/electronics/default.htm>.

GIVE YOUR ELECTRONICS THE RETIREMENT THEY DESERVE FROM ALL THEIR HARD WORK!

