

**What electronic or chemical items are hazardous?**

Many everyday items that seem harmless can damage the environment if thrown out with the trash. **Electronics**—including TVs, computers, and cell phones—contain hazardous materials such as lead. **Hazardous chemicals** include paint, cleaners, fertilizers, and batteries. **If in doubt, do NOT throw it out!**

**What happens if I just trash electronics and chemicals?**

These products can cause operating problems at the Waste-to-Energy facility or contaminate the landfill. Hazardous products in the trash can mix with other chemicals in a garbage truck and produce toxic fumes, catch fire, or explode. Instead of trashing these items, **take them to a mobile collection or HEC<sub>3</sub> for recycling or safe disposal.**

**What's a mobile collection?**

**Mobile collection events** are held on Saturdays at convenient locations such as Home Depot stores and schools (see schedule

below). Residents may drop off electronics and chemicals at no charge. Community groups can request our free **Haz-to-Go trailer** to host their own mini-mobile event.

**What is HEC<sub>3</sub>?**

HEC<sub>3</sub> is the **Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center** at 2990 110th Ave. N., St. Petersburg (464-7500). This is a **permanent facility** for Pinellas County residents to bring unwanted chemicals or electronics. HEC<sub>3</sub> and Swap Shop hours: Mon., Tues., Fri. 6:30am-4:30pm; Thurs. 8am-6pm; and Sat. 7am-4:30pm (closed Wed. and Sun.)

**What is the Swap Shop?**

The **Swap Shop** at the HEC<sub>3</sub> facility in St. Petersburg (see hours above) offers **FREE reusable household products** such as paint, gardening products, and cleaners.

**What about businesses?**

Businesses can deal directly with our contractors and take advantage of the county's contracted prices at **mobile collections** or monthly **EnviroBusiness Days** (see page 21).

# Electronics and Chemicals



**Instead of trashing your old TV or paint can, recycle them!**

**How much hazardous waste has been collected?**

Last year, over 34,000 residents and businesses dropped off 2.4 million pounds of electronics and chemicals at HEC<sub>3</sub> and mobile collections. **Over 12 million pounds of hazardous waste** have been collected since the program began in 1991.

## 2009 Mobile Collection Schedule

SATURDAYS 9AM-2PM

<b>Jan. 24</b> .....	<b>East Lake</b> High School .....	1300 Silver Eagle Dr.
<b>Feb. 7</b> .....	<b>Dunedin</b> High School .....	1651 Pinehurst Rd.
<b>Feb. 21</b> .....	<b>Seminole</b> Home Depot.....	10550 Park Blvd.
<b>Mar. 7</b> .....	<b>St. Petersburg</b> Home Depot.....	2300 22nd Ave. N.
<b>Mar. 14</b> .....	<b>Clearwater</b> Home Depot .....	2495 Gulf to Bay Blvd.
<b>Mar. 21</b> .....	<b>Largo</b> Home Depot .....	10689 Ulmerton Rd.
<b>Apr. 11</b> .....	<b>Palm Harbor</b> University High School .....	1900 Omaha St.
<b>Apr. 18</b> .....	<b>Tarpon Springs</b> High School .....	1411 Gulf Rd.
<b>Apr. 25</b> .....	<b>Pinellas Park</b> Home Depot .....	4040 Park Blvd.
<b>May 2</b> .....	<b>Oldsmar</b> Municipal Services Center.....	300 Commerce Blvd.
<b>May 16</b> .....	<b>Indian Rocks Beach</b> City Hall.....	1507 Palm Bay Blvd.
<b>May 16</b> .....	<b>Treasure Island</b> Community Center .....	1 Park Place
<b>Sep. 12</b> .....	<b>Largo</b> Solid Waste Facility.....	1551 Starkey Rd.
<b>Sep. 26</b> .....	<b>Gulfport</b> Recreation Center .....	5730 Shore Blvd.
<b>Oct. 3</b> .....	<b>St. Petersburg</b> Home Depot/Circuit City.....	Tyrone Blvd. & 22nd Ave.
<b>Oct. 10</b> .....	<b>Safety Harbor</b> Public Works .....	1200 Railroad Ave.
<b>Oct. 24</b> .....	<b>Palm Harbor</b> Home Depot & Staples .....	US Hwy. 19 N. & Curlew Rd.
<b>Nov. 7</b> .....	<b>St. Petersburg</b> Kmart .....	3951 34th St. S.

**WHAT TO BRING**

*Household chemicals:*



batteries, cleaners, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermometers/thermostats, paint (latex or oil), paint remover, paint thinner, solvents, wood preservatives

*Outdoor chemicals:*

automotive fluids, fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides, pesticides, pool chemicals



*Electronics:*

computers, TVs, VCRs, printers, phones, stereos, etc.

**WHAT NOT TO BRING**

appliances, vehicle batteries, biological or infectious waste, empty paint cans, explosives, fire extinguishers, garbage, propane tanks, radioactive waste, smoke detectors