



Packing household hazardous waste for transport

Leon County Solid Waste Management
Hazardous Waste Center
7550 Apalachee Pkwy

We have prepared the following suggestions to help residents pack hazardous materials for transport to the Hazardous Waste Center or one of our collection events.

1. Place containers in a box to contain any spills. . Please do not loosely pack items in a garbage bag. Items can easily spill and bags frequently leak.
2. Place like materials together. Separate unlike materials.
3. Make sure containers are tightly sealed.
4. If a container is leaking, place into a larger container like a coffee can or bucket, preferably one that can be sealed. Large zipper bags are also very effective at containing leaks.
5. When possible, please label materials that are not in their original containers or that have lost their original label.
6. Fluorescent lamps can easily break. The best way to transport them is in their original packaging. If not in original package, tape or tie groups of tubes together and wrap with some kind of protective padding. Loose compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) should be wrapped in padding, such as paper towels. Do not pack CFLs in the same container with heavy items such as batteries.
7. Transport containers in the trunk of your car or the bed of a pickup truck away from passengers. Remove other items from trunk.
8. For your safety, please transport flammable liquids like gasoline in DOT approved containers. If fuel is transported in passenger compartment, roll windows down. Please limit size to 5 gallons each. Due to safety concerns, we will not accept more than 20 total gallons at a time. Staff will empty containers and return them to customers for future use upon request.
9. For customer safety, please use a professional service to pump large amounts of fuel from boats or recreational vehicles.
10. If you have further questions, please call 606-1803.