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Leon County Hazardous Waste Center Receives Multiple Awards

This month, Leon County Government received three awards from the Florida Chapter of the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA). The awards recognized not only the outstanding staff and service to citizens, but also the rare and odd things found during household hazardous waste collection.

“The Board of County Commissioners is committed to protecting our community’s natural beauty,” said Leon County Commission Chairman Mary Ann Lindley. “We know our citizens are busy, so we have made it easy to reach the experts. These awards recognize a program that focuses on public service.”

The Longstanding Program Excellence Award recognized Leon County’s Hazardous Waste Center for its more than 20 years of outstanding service. Leon County Household Hazardous Waste also won an award titled The Golden Bung Award for improved efficiency and innovation. The award highlighted Leon County’s improved remote collection events, which are held most months of the year to give citizens additional access to proper and safe hazardous waste disposal.

Lastly, Leon County received the Pickled Skunk Brains Award for the most unusual item discovered during collection: a World War II-era aerial photoreconnaissance photograph paper roll.

“Awards like these don’t happen by accident,” said Leon County Administrator Vincent S. Long. “We have made a commitment to our citizens and our environment with the Household Hazardous Waste program. But it’s not enough to just have a good system and a good program; we also have a great team.”

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The North American Hazardous Materials Management Association is a professional organization established in November of 1993, dedicated to pollution prevention and reducing the hazardous constituents entering municipal waste streams from households, small businesses and other entities that may be exempt from local, regional or national regulations.

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