HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



It's time to remind everyone that many items (such as paint, used oil, pesticides, fertilizers, etc.) being thrown out do not belong in your regular trash and garbage pickup because they are considered hazardous waste. These items, if placed in the landfill, can leak out over time and contaminate the source of our drinking water, the underground aquifer. They also pose a significant threat to our surrounding lake system if dumped into storm drains.

These items can be taken to Orange County's Hazardous Waste Facility located at 5901 Young Pine Road. This facility accepts drop-offs at no charge (accepts electronic waste as well) Monday - Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Another facility **McLeod Road Transfer Station**, is located at 5000 L.B. McLeod Road. This facility accepts drop-offs at no charge (does not accept electronic waste) Wednesday and Saturday only from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *There is an attendant at both facilities to help unload*.



We're also in the Central Florida "leaf season". Please be reminded (*or notify your lawn service*) not to blow leaves into the street or storm drains, as they end up in our lakes. All leaves should be collected for curbside pick-up or for composting on your property. Help keep our lakes clean!!



Reminder about the new Fertilizer Ordinance in Orange County. There is <u>no</u> fertilizing of lawns from June 1st to September 30th. Please follow the instructions on the fertilizer product's packaging to protect our environment and lakes.

What is meant by Hazardous?

<u>Hazardous material labels usually contain the words: pesticide, warning, caustic, poison, acid, danger and flammable.</u>

Items that are accepted:

Banned and unwanted pesticides Oil based paint Paint/Spray Paint Cans Paint thinner and stripper Varnishes and stains Household cleaning fluids Chemical drain cleaners Auto and furniture polish Solvents and flammable liquids Old fertilizer Pesticides/herbicides Pool chemicals Photography chemicals Chemistry sets Brake fluid and antifreeze Unknown chemicals **Batteries** Waste oil

DISPOSING OF THESE MATERIALS IN ANY OTHER WAY (burying in the ground, pouring down the sink, or down the storm drains) CAN POSE A THREAT TO OUR DRINKING WATER.

92% of Florida's drinking water comes from groundwater.

If not properly disposed of, these chemicals can harm humans, animals and the environment!

Items not accepted:

Gas cylinders
Biologically active material
Radioactive material
Explosive and ammunition

Mercury lamps and devices Propane tanks up to 100 pounds



Suggestions before taking items to the facility:

- 1) Label the material. If you don't know what it is, label it "unknown".
- 2) Do NOT mix different or unknown materials together!!
- 3) If containers are leaking, pack them in a larger container with an absorbent material, such as kitty litter, to soak up leaks. If the material is strong in smell make sure your vehicle is well ventilated on the way to the facility (even if the material is in the trunk).
- 4) Use boxes with dividers for easy packaging and transport.
- 5) If the material is still usable, use it up!

