

Nassau County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Media Release – Post Event

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For Immediate Release

Record 594 Residents Participate in Nassau County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Keep Nassau Beautiful (KNB) and Nassau County Solid Waste Department thank the residents of Nassau County for properly disposing of Household Hazardous Waste

Yulee, Florida, October 22, 2026 – Nassau County residents showed strong support for the fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHWC) event on Saturday, October 17. In addition to collection of hazardous waste, residents supported Barnabas Food Pantry during the event by donating 777 pounds of non-perishable food items.

Over the past three years an average of 462 residents participated in each Nassau County HHWC event. This year's turnout was about 29 percent above that average. During the same 4-hour period of 8am to Noon, 594 residents participated in the event making this the largest Nassau County event on record. To minimize wait time, two residency verification stations were set up so two rows of vehicles could be processed simultaneously. Once residency was verified, residents drove through stations that were set up to allow volunteers to service up to eight cars at a time at an average speed of 40 seconds per vehicle!

Twenty-one volunteers, nine Nassau County Public Works associates, and staff from contracted hazardous waste companies were on hand to ensure a smooth, efficient, and safe event. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office managed traffic flow on Courtney Isle Way and KNB volunteers managed traffic on Gene Lasserre Blvd., both stations focused on minimizing disruption to local traffic. Barnabas volunteers collected donations and non-perishable food items for Barnabas Food Pantry. The volunteers and various staff members dedicated to the event managed the workflow inside the gates including traffic flow, unloading resident vehicles and sorting approved items for proper disposal or recycling. The 21 volunteers donated more than 80 hours of time on the day of the event.

It may be 30 days before full reporting on the weight and type of items collected, until then it is estimated electronics, oil, and latex paint will once again be in the top three items collected. Lynda Bell, Executive Director for KNB, said, "One of the most popular items for disposal during the household hazardous waste collection event is latex paint. Many residents aren't aware they can dispose of latex paint throughout the year at the Callahan Convenience Recycling Center, or at home by following a few easy steps." The steps include the purchase of any brand of cat litter. Add and stir the cat litter in the latex paint can. Leave the lid off and give the mixture time to dry out and solidify. Once the mixture has solidified the latex paint is not considered a hazardous waste. The can and solidified mixture may be disposed of during regular trash collection which may free up tax dollars for the disposal of other household hazardous waste items.

Edward “Lynn” Diden, Solid Waste Division Manager, reminds residents that Tire Amnesty Day is scheduled for November 7. Said Mr. Diden, “While Nassau County residents may dispose of up to 4 tires per household per year, Tire Amnesty Day provides an additional opportunity to properly dispose of up to 15 tires per household with no fee for disposal.” Visit the Nassau County website for more information, <http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/368/Convenience-Recycling-Center>.

KNB and Nassau County Solid Waste Department appreciate Nassau County residents and community volunteers, Nassau County Road Department, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, Clean Harbors, ERC Recycling, Barnabas Food Pantry, and Nassau County Sheriff’s Office for their participation in the collection and responsible disposal of household hazardous waste. Mark your calendar, Saturday, April 10, 2027, for the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in Nassau County and the City of Fernandina Beach. Signup for the Keep Nassau Beautiful newsletter for details, www.keepnassaubeaautiful.org.



Residency confirmed and vehicles staged for drop-off of household hazardous waste.



Volunteers and staff opening the October 2026 Nassau County Household Hazardous Waste event.

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