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*The City of Gainesville's guide for recycling & disposal*

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This guide is brought to you by the City of Gainesville Solid Waste Division to heighten your awareness as to what can be done with unwanted items. It is our intent that you will be able to find alternative ways to try and recycle unwanted items in some form or another and if not, then at the very least, the proper place and way to dispose of them.

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**Aerosol Cans**

*Steel aerosol cans such as hair spray, bug spray, or spray paint*



**These may contain hazardous waste. DO NOT dispose of partially full cans with regular garbage! Never burn aerosol cans, even if they are empty since they may explode. EMPTY hazardous aerosol cans are safe to dispose of in the trash. Other household EMPTY non-hazardous aerosol cans such as hairspray, cooking spray and air freshener spray can be put in your curbside recycle bin.**

- 1. Use it up.** As noted above, you can safely *throw away* an **EMPTY** aerosol can that contained hazardous material. You can *recycle* an **EMPTY** aerosol can that contained household products in your **blue bin at curbside**.
- 2. Drop it off.** If a hazardous or non-hazardous aerosol can contains product you can take it (free for residents) to be recycled at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 334-0440** or any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (always call for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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Archer	19401 SW Archer Rd	352 495-3257
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Phifer	11700 SE Hawthorne Rd	352 334-3874

- 3. Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) can drop off aerosol cans at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center** (fee charged). Large businesses with larger quantities can contact a chemical waste disposal firm directly.

## Aluminum Cans

*Clean, empty aluminum cans*

1. **Recycle at curbside** or drop off at **SP Recycling, 5121 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 378-3001** or any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (always call for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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2. **Sell** to a metal recycler. The following companies buy aluminum cans:

Name	Address	City	Phone
Gulf Coast Metals	817 NE Waldo Rd.	Gainesville	373-6354
Commercial Metals	1508 NW 55 <sup>th</sup> Place	Gainesville	375-0224

3. **Businesses** should ask their contracted garbage hauler to provide recycling containers. There is a mandatory commercial recycling ordinance (Sec. 27-85) for the City of Gainesville. Businesses can also sell their aluminum to the above companies to help raise money for charities, Christmas parties, etc.

## **Animals, dead**

*Domestic or wild*

**NOTE: Do NOT dispose of dead animals in the regular garbage or in a commercial dumpster!** Use caution in handling or transporting a dead animal. Wear protective clothing including gloves and place animal into a heavy-duty garbage bag.

### **To report a dead animal on the road or public right-of-way:**

1. State road – Call the **Dept. of Transportation** at 381-4300
2. County road – Call **Road and Bridges** at 374-5245 ext. 215
3. City road – Call **Solid Waste Division** at 334-2330

**Report injured bear, panther or eagle (endangered species only) to:  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Wildlife Alert at 1-888-404-3922.**

### **Dead domestic & wild animals on private property:**

1. Bury the animal (at least 3 feet underground)
2. Call **Critter Control at 372-3922** (fee charged)
3. Cremation for beloved domestic animals from 1 to 120 lbs (call for fee ranges) at **Alachua Co. Animal Services at 264-6870.**

# Antifreeze

*Ethylene glycol coolant used in vehicle radiators*



**This is hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular garbage!  
Never leave a puddle of antifreeze on the driveway or leave a bucket of antifreeze  
unattended. It can be fatal to children or pets.**

1. **Drop off** (free to residents) at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 334-0440** for recycling or any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (always call for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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2. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) can also drop off antifreeze (for a fee) at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center**.

## Appliances

*Electric or gas-powered device such as stove, refrigerator, air conditioner, Washer, dryer, dishwasher, freezer, water heater, etc. (also called “white goods”)*

1. **Donate** to the retailer. Ask them to haul away your old appliance when they deliver the new one. This is the simplest method of recycling appliances.
2. **Donate** working appliances that are in good condition to a person or non-profit organization (always call first for specifics):

Name	Address	City	Phone
Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St.	Gainesville	371-2487
Salvation Army Thrift Store	55 NW 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave.	Gainesville	373-7480
Alachua Habitat For Humanity Resale Center	2317 SW 13 <sup>th</sup> St.	Gainesville	373-5728

3. **Donate** through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.
4. **Sell** working appliances through the newspaper, yard sale, or a secondhand dealer. The following businesses will buy scrap metal (call for details & specifics):

Name	Address	City	Phone
Commercial Metals	1508 NW 55 <sup>th</sup> St.	Gainesville	375-0224
Gulf Coast Recycling	817 NE Waldo Rd.	Gainesville	373-6354
Automotive Recycling	2406 NE 19 <sup>th</sup> Dr.	Gainesville	372-9533

5. **Dispose.** Please do not cut or damage the lines in the back of units containing refrigerants (such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc.) to prevent release of harmful chemicals. Always tape or rope doors shut or better still, take the doors off the appliance when placing at the curb to insure the safety of small children and pets.
6. City of Gainesville residents with curbside service can call the **Solid Waste Division at 334-2330** for a bulk pickup (no charge). White goods (appliances) are picked up only on Wednesday inside the City limits so call at least 24 hrs. in advance to insure getting scheduled, otherwise you will have to wait until the following Wednesday.
7. Alachua County residents with curbside service can call **Alachua County Waste Collection at 338-3233** for pickup and specifics.
8. All residents of Alachua County can take their appliances to the select Alachua County Rural Collection Centers. They are open on Monday-Tuesday-Friday-Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The ones that take appliances are:
  - A. Phifer – 334-2874
  - B. Archer – 495-3257
9. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) can sell or donate their *in good condition* appliances to the above locations or take their appliance to the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0176** (Fee Charged) for disposal.

## Asbestos

*Fireproof items made of asbestos such as certain insulation, shingles, siding, or linoleum*

### CONSULTING & TESTING:

American Management Resources Corp.	8503 SW 152 <sup>nd</sup> Ave	Archer	495-8266
Avanco Environmental, Inc.	7920 NW 210 <sup>th</sup> St.	Micanopy	591-8595
GLE Associates, Inc.	4035 NW 43 <sup>rd</sup> St.	Gainesville	335-6648

### DISPOSAL:

Dispose at the **New River Landfill**, Lawtey, FL, 386-431-1000. Call for prior approval, hours, disposal fee and directions.

### REMOVAL:

1. Call Michelle Worley, Alachua Co. Dept. of Environmental Protection, 904-807-3300 for information and instructions on asbestos removal.

2. Asbestos removal contractors:

Alachua Environmental Services	(Owen Thornton)	Glen St. Mary	904 259-6200
Simpson Environmental Services, Inc.		Trilby	352 583-2509



## Batteries – alkaline

*Single- use household batteries (Not rechargeable)*

**NOTE:** Alkaline batteries are **safe to dispose** in the regular trash. However, it's better to recycle them if possible, and/or replace them with rechargeable batteries.

## Batteries – button cell

*Small round batteries (resembling a coin) found in items*

*Such as hearing aids, calculators, cameras, laser pointers, and watches*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center**, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440 or call for drop off locations (free for residents).
2. **Check with** your local jewelry, camera or watch repair store, which may accept button cell batteries.
3. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) can drop off batteries at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center** (for a fee). Call for information.

## Batteries – rechargeable

*Nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd), nickel hydride (NI- MH), lithium ion (Li-ion)  
And small sealed lead (Pb) batteries found in cordless items such as  
laptop computers, power tools, toys, cameras, radios, and phones*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

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2. **Drop off** at a RBRC (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp.) box found at these locations: Or call 1-800-828-2214

Zell's Ace Hardware	3727 W University Ave	378-4650
Authorized Appliance Service	2614 SW 34 <sup>th</sup> St	375-3886
Circuit City of Gainesville	7001 NW 4 <sup>th</sup> Blvd	331-9557
FL Fasteners & Tool Co, Inc	2826 NE Waldo Rd	377-4587
Sears	6201 Newberry Rd (Oaks Mall)	331-8600
Target	3970 SW Archer Rd	376-5260
Wal Mart	2649 SW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	378-0619
	3570 SW Archer Rd	371-3171
Radio Shack	Oaks Mall, Newberry Rd	331-7217
	2627 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	371-1396
	2 NW 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave	375-2336
	3315 SW Archer Rd	375-2426

3. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) can drop off their batteries (for a fee) at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center**.

## Batteries – Vehicle

*Lead acid batteries found in vehicles including cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, scooters, Wheelchairs, golf carts, riding lawnmowers, and children’s riding toys*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Recycle** at an automotive parts retailer (such as **Sears, Wal-Mart, Auto Zone, NAPA, Discount Auto Parts, CARQUEST, Pep Boys**, etc.). You save money by turning in your old battery when you buy a new one. This is a state “core charge” to discourage people from trashing vehicle batteries. **NOTE:** You pay this fee only if you don’t turn in your old battery.

2. **Drop off** at **Interstate Battery, 2421 NW 71<sup>st</sup> Pl, 372-0133**. No Charge

3. **Gulf Coast Metals, 817 NE Waldo Rd, 373-6354** will pay you a small amount of money, depending on the type of vehicle battery.

4. **Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440** or any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (always call for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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5. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) can drop off their batteries (for a fee) at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center**.

## Bicycles

*Used bikes – operational or broken*

1. **Sell, trade, or donate** to a bicycle shop. The following accept used bikes in *good condition* (always call first for details):

Best Deal Bikes	439 S Main St	372-3439	Will buy, trade or take donations
Chain Reaction Bicycles	1630 W Univ Ave	373-0452	Will trade or take donations

2. **Donate** bicycles in *good condition* to your favorite thrift store or charity or even to a friend or neighbor. The following will take donations:

Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
St. Francis House	413 S Main St	368-1883
Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
Humane Society Thrift Shop	2031 NW 6 St	373-9522
Salvation Army Thrift Store	1121 N Main St	373-7597

3. **Donate** bicycles *needing repair* to:

FL Dept of Corrections Work Camp	1000 NE 55 Blvd	955-2045	They fix up bikes & give to needy children. Please deliver – no pick up service
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4. **Donate** through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.

5. **Dispose** of bicycles by scheduling for a bulk pick up at the curb. For City of Gainesville residents call the **Solid Waste Division, 334-2330**. For Alachua Co. Residents with curb service call **Alachua Co. Waste Collection, 338-3233**. All Alachua Co. residents can drop off bicycles for metal recycling to any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (always call for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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6. **Sell** the scrap metal to:

Commercial Metals	1508 NW 55 Pl	375-0224
Gulf Coast Recycling	817 NE Waldo Rd	373-6354

## Boats

*Floating water vessels with or without motor*

1. **Sell** or **trade** to a boat dealer or individual.
2. **Sell** – If your small unusable boat is made out of aluminum or other types of metal you can sell the metal to a scrap metal dealer:

Commercial Metals Company	1508 NW 55 Pl	375-0224
Gulf Coast Metals	817 NE Waldo Rd	373-6354

2. **Donate** (in good condition) to charity or thrift shop:

Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 St	371-2487
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3. Put “**Free Boat**” sign on the boat. One boat dealer says this works great.
4. **Donate** through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.
5. **Dispose** of boats for a fee:

Leveda Brown Environmental Park & Transfer Station	5125 NE 63 Ave	334-0176	Will take small paddle boats only (canoes, kayaks, rowboats) No Motors
New River Landfill	Lawtey, FL	386 431-1000	Alachua Co. residents call first for approval, hours, disposal fees & directions (no motors)

**NOTE: Always call first**

## Books

*Hardback, paperback, or text books*

1. **Sell** through the internet or to a local bookstore. The following stores accept used books:

Gator Textbooks Inc	3501 SW 2 Ave	474-4500	Will buy used UF textbooks
Used Santa Fe Textbooks	3700 NW 91 St	371-6330	Will buy used SFCC & St Leo University textbooks
Book Gallery West	4121 NW 16 Blvd	371-1234	Call first for details
Books Inc	505 NW 13 St	374-4241	Call first for details

2. **Reuse** by setting up a magazine and book exchange area. You can do this at work with a small bookcase in the break room. You can do this at home with a bookcase in a community/common room at a mobile home park, apartment complex, senior community, etc. Pass your books on to another individual.
3. **Donate** to a library, school or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) (this is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.
4. **Donate** to a local charity or thrift store (always call first):

Friends of the Library	430 N Main St	375-1676
Goodwill Industries	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
Humane Society Thrift Shop	2031 NW 6 St	373-9522
Salvation Army Thrift Store	1121 N Main St	373-7597

## Building / Demolition Materials (Home Interior)

*Flooring, doors, electrical fixtures, plumbing, lumber, lighting fixtures, windows, cabinet, paneling, plaster board, HVAC/AC units, or carpeting*

1. **Donate** to a building material recycler:

Habitat for Humanity Resale Center	2317 SW 13 St	373-5728	Offers pick up service for large items.
ReUser Building Products Inc	622 SE 2 St	379-4600	Call for details

2. **Donate** through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.

3. **Dispose** of at **curb** by calling the **Solid Waste Division, 334-2330** to schedule a bulk pickup for City of Gainesville residents. Alachua Co. residents with curbside pickup service should call **Alachua Co Waste Collection, 338-3233** for pickup instructions. All Alachua Co residents may take items to the Rural Collection Centers (no charge but call for limit restrictions) or the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63 Ave, 334-0176** (fee charged). **The Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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**Note: All items must be from “do-it-yourself” projects when disposing at the curb. If a contractor does the work then they are responsible for disposing of the materials.**

Also See: [Construction debris Bulk Items](#)

## **Bulk Items**

*Large items that don't fit into the curbside garbage cart  
Such as appliances or furniture, carpet*

All City of Gainesville and Alachua County residents with curbside service must schedule for a bulk pickup. City of Gainesville residents should call the **Solid Waste Division, 334-2330** and Alachua County residents (with curbside service) should call **Alachua Co. Waste Collection, 338-2322**. The bulk items will be picked up on your garbage day so please call at least 24 hours in advance to schedule the pickup.

Also see: [Appliances](#)  
[Furniture](#)  
[Building / Demolition Materials](#)



## Cardboard

*Clean, empty, flattened corrugated cardboard boxes*

*(TIP: corrugated cardboard has three layers including a wavy middle layer)*

1. **Reuse** your old boxes for storage, mailing, crafts, or children’s games.
  
2. **Recycle** flattened corrugated cardboard at **curbside in/under your orange bin** or take to any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (always call for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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3. **Businesses** can use options 1 & 2 above or request cardboard recycling bins and pick-up service (fee charged) from:

SP Recycling	5121 NE 63 Ave	378-3001	Drop off & containers – no fee
Recycling Services of America	2874 NE 1 Ter	379-5797	Drop off (no fee) or will pick up for fee – bins provided
Emerald Waste Services		377-0800	Fee charged – bins provided
Southland Waste Systems		373-6776	Fee charged – bins provided
Waste Pro		386 462-2500	Fee charged – bins provided
Tacachale Recycling		955-5506	Drop off (no fee) – bins not provided for pick up service Note-will also take pasteboard

## **Carpet / Carpet Pad**

*Floor covering made of natural or synthetic material*

**Note:** For curbside bulk pick up the carpet & pad must be rolled into 5 ft. lengths or less.

Also see: [Building Materials](#)  
[Bulk Items](#)

## **Catheters, Used**

*Tubular medical devices used for injection or withdrawal of fluids*

1. Used catheters are **safe to discard:**
  - a) Rinse with bleach.
  - b) Place in a plastic bag.
  - c) Place in a trash container.

## Cell Phones

*Mobile/cellular telephones*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 334-0440** or any of the RBRC (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp.) drop-boxes. Check out [www.RBRC.com](http://www.RBRC.com) for a complete list near your location but some familiar ones in Gainesville are listed below:

Alltel	3626 SW Archer Rd	491-2500
Circuit City of Gainesville	7001 NW 4 <sup>th</sup> Blvd	331-9557
Home Depot	7107 NW 4 <sup>th</sup> Blvd	332-7440
Lowe's	3500 SW Archer Rd	376-9900
Office Depot	1015 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	377-4003
	6861 W Newberry Rd	331-6885
Radio Shack	2627 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	373-1396
	2 NW 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave	375-2336
	3315 SW Archer Rd	375-2426
	Oaks Mall, Newberry Rd	331-7217
Sears	Oaks Mall, Newberry Rd	331-8600
Verizon Wireless	3300 SW Archer Rd	378-8828
	Oaks Mall, Newberry Rd	331-3079

2. Another good site is [www.wirelessrecycling.com](http://www.wirelessrecycling.com). These companies in the Gainesville area collect cell phones for different types of charities:

The Body Shop	6345 W Newberry Rd	331-4800
	6419 W Newberry Rd	332-2955
Wal-Mart	3570 SW Archer Rd	371-3171
	2649 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	376-0619
T-Mobile	3606 SW Archer Rd	336-3700
	Oaks Mall, Newberry Rd	331-9066
March of Dimes	1831 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	378-9522

3. **Donate** to [www.911cellphonebank.com](http://www.911cellphonebank.com). The location in Gainesville is:

**Alachua County Victim Service  
218 SE 24<sup>th</sup> St.  
Gainesville, FL 32641**

4. **Donate** to **Secure the Call Foundation** (a non-profit Organization) at [www.donatemycellphone.org](http://www.donatemycellphone.org) or call **(888) 883-6628**. A tax receipt can be downloaded as well as a prepaid label to affix to the package. Please send cell phones & batteries only. No chargers or accessories.

5. **Businesses** can start their own cell phone collection by contacting **Charitable Recycling**, [www.charitablerecycling.com](http://www.charitablerecycling.com)



## Chemicals, hazardous

### Household:

Aerosol cans (not empty), batteries (button cell, rechargeable), cleaners, fertilizers, Fluorescent bulbs, Freon, furniture polish, lead, mercury thermometers or thermostats, Mothballs nail polish or remover, paint (latex, or oil), paint remover or thinner, Photography-related, shoe polish, solvents, stains, turpentine, wood preservations

### Outdoor:

Automotive (antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, etc.) fertilizers  
Flares (automotive or marine), fungicides, gasoline, herbicides, insecticides, kerosene  
Lighter fluid, pesticides, poisons, pool/spa chemicals, weed killers

*See separate listings for underlined items.*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Drop off** at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440
2. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) can also drop off at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (fee charged).

### PROPER HANDLING OF CHEMICALS

1. In case of spills, dilute with water, or soak up with newspaper. Put into a plastic bag.
2. Keep chemicals in original containers if possible. Be sure the chemicals are labeled.
3. Do not mix chemicals.
4. Place containers in cardboard boxes. Use crumpled newspaper in boxes to prevent breakage.
5. Place leaky containers in clear plastic bags and transport in boxes with newspaper.
6. Put boxes in the truck or back of vehicle away from passengers.

## Christmas Trees

*Remove all decorations and lights*

1. **Recycle** – City of Gainesville residents with curbside service can put live cut Christmas trees at curb for pickup on their Yard trash collection day. Alachua Co. residents with curbside service may do the same.

2. **Drop off** – All Alachua Co. residents may take their live cut Christmas trees to any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (always call for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

Alachua/High Springs	16929 NW US Hwy 441	386 454-2563
Archer	19401 SW Archer Rd	352 495-3257
Fairbanks	9920 NE Waldo Rd	352 334-3873
North Central	10714 N SR 121	352 334-3875
Phifer	11700 SE Hawthorne Rd	352 334-3874

3. **Drop off** at **Wood Resource Recovery, 10606 Hwy 121 N, 378-9133**. No charge if dropped off before deadline.

4. **Re-Use** artificial trees year after year or buy a live tree & plant it after Christmas.

# Clothing

*Clothing in clean, usable condition (no rags)*

1. **Donate** to a local thrift store or charity:

Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
St. Francis House	413 S Main St	368-1883
Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
Humane Society Thrift Shop	2031 NW 6 St	373-9522
Salvation Army Thrift Store	1121 N Main St	373-7597
Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St	371-2487

2. **Sell** on the Internet, through the newspaper or a yard sale.
3. **Sell** to a consignment shop. The following accept clothing, but **CALL FIRST**:

Fashion Exchange	2032 NW 6 St	271-1171
Fifi's of Gainesville	3501 SW 2 Ave	378-5020
Flashbacks Recycled Fashions Inc	211 W University Ave	375-3752
G8Rbay.Com	eBay store	335-5003
The Glass Slipper	5000 NW 34 St, Ste 12	372-6028
Just for Kids II	4434 NW 13 St	371-4544
Outreach Thrift Store	125 NW 23 Ave	371-2245
Plato's Closet	3333 SW 34 St	374-4402
Sandy's Consignment Boutique	2906 NW 13 St	372-1226
The Jackson Store	627 N Main St	377-1703
Weecycle of Gainesville Inc	5240 NW 34 St, Ste C	376-2212

4. **Reuse** heavily damaged or stained clothing for other purposes such as rags, cleaning cloths, craft projects, braided dog toys, etc.

## Compressed Air / Gas Cylinders

*Cylinders or tanks for oxygen, helium, argon, nitrogen, scuba diving etc.*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Return** to a distributor (see decal or name stamped on the tank). For example, you can return an oxygen tank to the company that owns it.

2. **Donate** scuba tanks to a dive shop:

Water World	720 NW 13 St	377-2822	They will take used tanks for class instruction
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3. **Drop off** at the **Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63 Ave, 334-0440.**

## Computers

Computers including accessories (monitor, keyboard, CPU, mouse, printer, power supply, external drive, etc.)



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Sell** through the internet (ex. eBay), newspaper ad, or to an individual. **Computer Wizz, 607 NW 13 St, 378-4009** will buy used computers. Call first

2. **Trade-in/recycle** to a national computer company. These companies will either trade-in, buy back, or recycle your PC at no charge or for a fee (if not trading in for a new one). Call for details. There was an article in the July, 2006 issue of *Waste News* announcing that Dell will recycle any of its consumer products anywhere in the world free of charge. Customers don't have to buy a new Dell product to receive this service.

Hewlett-Packard	1-800-752-0900
Dell	1-800-915-3355
IBM	1-888-746-7426
Gateway	1-800428-3929
Apple	1-888-638-2761

3. **Donate** working computers to a local thrift store or charity:

Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
St. Francis House	413 S Main St	368-1883
Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
Humane Society Thrift Shop	2031 NW 6 St	373-9522
Salvation Army Thrift Store	1121 N Main St	373-7597

4. **Donate** through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group. Contact the National Cristina Foundation at [www.cristina.org](http://www.cristina.org) to be matched with a needy nonprofit organization, school, or public agency in the area. That organization will contact you to arrange pickup or delivery. The donation is tax-deductible.

5. **Donate** to the **Dignity Project, 1125 SE 4<sup>th</sup> St., 371-6792**. They fix up cars and computers to give to the less fortunate. They also provide job training and mentoring for young people. Visit their website at [www.dignityproject.com](http://www.dignityproject.com).

6. **Drop off** at the **Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63 Ave, 334-0440**.

7. **Businesses** can use all options above. For large quantities try: **American Electronics Recycling in Jacksonville, FL, 904-783-8008**. They will provide the container. Check out their website at [www.americanelectronicsrecycling.com](http://www.americanelectronicsrecycling.com).

**CP&S, Inc. in Boca Raton, FL, 561-988-2840, [www.cpsparts.com](http://www.cpsparts.com)** has National asset recovery & disposal capabilities. They will also purchase functional used IT equipment.



## **Construction Debris:** **Asphalt / Bricks / Concrete / Gravel / Rocks / Sand / Dirt** *Aggregate or construction material*

1. **Reuse** – examples: Sand to create sand bags during hurricane season or clean white sand to make a child’s sand box, bricks to make stationary outdoor grills or walkways, gravel or rocks for landscaping, etc.
2. **Donate** unwanted materials such as bricks, gravel, rocks, sand & dirt through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.
3. **Recycle** concrete and asphalt at **Florida Concrete Recycling, 930 SW 3 St, 372-1237**.
4. **Drop off** your construction debris (for a fee) at the **Florence Landfill, 3003 SE 15 St, 375-9919** or **Watson Landfill, 20103 SW Archer Rd., 538-4161**. Call for details
5. **Dispose** by calling a pick up service to come & get it (for a fee).

1-800-GOT-JUNK?	1-800-GOT-JUNK	Will attempt to pick up anything but garbage on your property for a fee. Call & discuss with them your situation.
Waste Management	377-0800	Will pick up at curb for a fee

Also see: [Building / Demolition Materials](#)

## Dirt

*Non-contaminated or contaminated fill dirt*

1. Clean, *non-contaminated dirt*: See [Construction Debris](#)
2. *Contaminated dirt* – If contamination exceeds acceptable limits, contact a thermal soil treatment company such as:

Kleen Soil	1-800-962-9677
Clark Environmental	1-800-276-2187
Decontamination Inc	1-386-496-1244

## Documents / Records / Office Paper

*Business files or records*

***If confidentiality is NOT an issue:***

1. **Recycle** shredded or un-shredded documents by dropping off or arranging for it to be picked up for a fee at the following locations:

Recycling Services of America	2874 NE 1 Terr	379-5797	Drop off at no charge or contract to pick up regularly for a fee. Containers provided
SP Recycling	5121 NE 63 Ave	378-3001	Drop off only (no charge)
Tacachale Recycling	1621 NE Waldo Rd	955-5506	Drop off or contract to pick up regularly at no charge. Containers provided

***If confidentiality IS an issue:***

2. **Recycle** using a document management company to shred confidential papers on-site or off-site, and provide a Certificate of Destruction. Fees Vary. The following companies offer shredding services in Alachua County:

Cintas Management, LLC	1-877-339-4847	On site
Shred-It	1-800-697-4733	On site
Iron Mountain	1-800-327-8345	On site (recurring only)
Secure On-Site Shredding	877 974-7337	On site

## Drums

*Containers (usually 30-55 gallons) made of plastic, metal, or cardboard*

### ***Filled drums:***

1. **Drop off** at the **Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63 Ave, 334-0440**. Let them know what you have inside the drum.
2. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) may do the same as above for a fee.

### ***Empty drums:***

1. **Sell** metal drums to a metal recycler.

Commercial Metals Company	1508 NW 55 Pl	375-0224
Gulf Coast Metals	817 NE Waldo Rd	373-6354

2. **Dispose** empty drums at the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63 Ave, 334-0176**. Fee Charged.

## DVDs / Videotapes

*Movies or concerts in DVD or video format*

1. **Sell** or **trade** at a secondhand store. **Hear Again CD's, 818 W Univ Ave, 373-1800** will buy when their stock is low or they have great trade-in values for CD's, DVD's & Videotapes.
2. **Donate** to a local thrift store or charity:

Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
St. Francis House	413 S Main St	368-1883
Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
Humane Society Thrift Shop	2031 NW 6 St	373-9522
Salvation Army Thrift Store	1121 N Main St	373-7597

3. **Donate** to a local library or hospital. **NOTE:** The NICU II unit at Shands Hospital has a small videotape collection for relatives to pass the time while staying with their babies. They could use adult as well as children's movies.
4. **Donate** through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.
5. **Recycle** your video tapes, cassettes, CD's & DVD's:

**GreenDisk**  
**1-800-305-3475**  
[www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com).

# Egg Cartons

*Empty paper or plastic egg carton containers*

## 1. Reuse:

- a) Packing material – break carton into sections, or use as is
- b) Seed starter – plant seeds in a paper carton, and when they sprout you can separate the “cups” and plant them directly since the paper will disintegrate
- c) Paint palette – use a plastic carton for children’s paints
- d) Game/toy storage – use for small items such as game pieces or doll shoes
- e) Boot tree – slide a carton inside each boot to help keep its shape
- f) Golf ball storage – use to store a dozen golf balls
- g) Fire starter – use a paper carton, put a charcoal briquette inside each section, and light the carton
- h) Drawer organizer – use for small items such as jewelry, buttons, or paper clips

2. **Donate** to a children center, preschool, or community center for reuse in craft projects. Call first.

3. **Recycle** styrofoam egg cartons at Publix grocery stores. Recycling containers are found near the store entrance & they will take all grocery store brands not just Publix brands. You can also recycle foam produce trays (produce only, not meat or seafood trays) in the same container. For Publix locations, visit <http://store.publix.com>.

## Electronics, hazardous

*Camcorder, cassette player, CD player, cell phone, computer or computer accessories, digital camera, fax machine, GPS unit, photocopier, radio, scanner, stereo, telephone, TV, VCR, video game unit, and wireless device (PDA)*

\*Most small electronics appliances (such as irons and vacuum cleaners) can be safely disposed in the regular trash.



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Repair** and keep.
2. **Donate** working office items such as a photocopier or fax machine to a local church/synagogue, school, childcare center, or community center. Call first!
3. **Donate** working items to a local thrift store or charity or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group. Some local nonprofit thrift stores are:

Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
St. Francis House	413 S Main St	368-1883
Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
Humane Society Thrift Shop	2031 NW 6 St	373-9522
Salvation Army Thrift Store	1121 N Main St	373-7597

4. **Sell** or donate working electronics through the Internet, newspaper, or yard sale.
5. **Dispose** of your hazardous electronics at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440**. Please call and let them know what you have & they will help you determine if it is hazardous or not. All Alachua County residents can also drop off electronics at any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (always call for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

Alachua/High Springs	16929 NW US Hwy 441	386 454-2563
Archer	19401 SW Archer Rd	352 495-3257
Fairbanks	9920 NE Waldo Rd	352 334-3873
North Central	10714 N SR 121	352 334-3875
Phifer	11700 SE Hawthorne Rd	352 334-3874

6. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) can also drop off electronic items at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center** for a fee.

## Explosives

*Device that could explode such as a grenade, detonator, etc.*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. In an emergency situation only, call **911**.
2. In a non-emergency situation, call **Communications at 955-1818**.

## Eyeglasses

*Used eyeglasses (prescription or over-the-counter) including sunglasses*

1. **Donate** eyeglasses by mailing to: **New Eyes for the Needy, PO Box 332, Shorts Hills, NY 07078**.
2. **Donate** to the Lions Club for recycling. There are collection boxes at most optical stores. Always call first.



## Fencing

*Fence materials such as chain link, plastic, or wood*

1. **Sell** or **donate** usable fencing:
  - a. Needy neighbor, friend, local church, etc.
  - b. Newspaper classifieds
2. **Donate** good quality fencing to a local used building product store (call first):

ReUser Building Products, Inc.  
622 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL  
379-4600

3. Metal fencing – **donate** or **sell** to a metal recycler (see [Metal, Scrap](#)).
4. **Reuse** plastic & wood fencing to build a landscaping bed, walkway, storage box, or enclosure for heat pump, garbage cans, etc. **NOTE:** Pressure treated wood contains chemicals, and should not be recycled as yard waste or burned.
5. **Dispose** by taking to a C & D construction site (call for details):

**Florence Landfill, 3222 SE Hawthorne Rd. (SR 20), 375-9919**

**Watson Landfill, 20103 SW Archer Rd., 538-4161**

## Fiberglass

### *Fiberglass insulation material*

1. **Dispose** of at the curb. “Do-it-yourself” Residential Curbside residents may place it at the curb after they schedule a bulk pickup for inside building material. If it was commercially removed by a contractor they are responsible for disposing of the material.

2. **Dispose** by taking to the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0176** (for a fee). All Alachua County residents can also drop off a level truck load of fiberglass insulation at any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (always call for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

Alachua/High Springs	16929 NW US Hwy 441	386 454-2563
Archer	19401 SW Archer Rd	352 495-3257
Fairbanks	9920 NE Waldo Rd	352 334-3873
North Central	10714 N SR 121	352 334-3875
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# Fire Extinguishers

*Portable apparatus for putting out small fires*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**  
**It is safe to dispose EMPTY, fully discharged fire extinguishers.**

1. **Take to** a local fire extinguisher company for recharging or safe disposal:

Alachua Fire Extinguishers	2939 SW Williston Rd	377-3473
American Fire & Safety Supply		378-2694
Gator Fire Equipment Co., Inc.	1032 S Main St	373-1738

2. **Dispose** of fire extinguishers at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440.**

3. **Businesses** can contact the companies listed above to dispose, recharge or replace their fire extinguisher. Service fees vary.

## Fireworks

*Small explosives used for holiday celebrations*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Drop off** at the **Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440.**  
Always call first.

## Flags

*United States flags*

1. **Donate** for appropriate disposal and ceremony to [www.flagkeepers.org](http://www.flagkeepers.org). They also have a ceremony that individuals, groups and organizations can do for themselves.

## Flares & Flare Guns, marine, automotive

*Signaling devices used on boats and automobiles*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

**It is illegal to throw used flares in household or business trash and under no circumstances should they be dropped overboard or buried.**

### **1. Keep!**

a) According to the US Coast Guard, marine flares are good for as long as 20 years, if the flares are in good shape (no rips).

b) Keep expired flares that are still dry in a plastic bag, and store onboard to use as backup for emergencies. Use your expired flares first & if they don't work then there is no loss. If they do work then you have your newer flares for later use.

c) Always keep expired flares separate from new flares.

**2. Drop off.** Bring your unwanted flare guns and outdated flares to any Coastguard Station and they will arrange for safe and proper disposal or return them to the chandlery at which they were purchased. Please call first.

**3. Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440.** Always call first.

# Fluorescent Ballasts and Bulbs

*Unit that holds a fluorescent bulb, lamp or light*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!  
Do not break or crush the bulbs or you could be exposed to mercury vapor.**

**NOTE:** Newer ballasts that contain documentation from the manufacture that the unit is PCB-free are not hazardous waste, and CAN be disposed at Solid Waste Operations.

**1. Drop off at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440.** All Alachua County residents can also drop off fluorescent Ballasts and bulbs at any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

Alachua/High Springs	16929 NW US Hwy 441	386 454-2563
Archer	19401 SW Archer Rd	352 495-3257
Fairbanks	9920 NE Waldo Rd	352 334-3873
North Central	10714 N SR 121	352 334-3875
Phifer	11700 SE Hawthorne Rd	352 334-3874

**2. Drop off a bulb & buy a bulb exchange program at:**

Zell's Ace Hardware	3727 W University Ave	378-4650
George's Hardware	3424 W University Ave	376-1321

**3. Other Drop off locations:**

The Lighting Gallery	2430 NW 6 St.	377-8147
Indigo Green	322 SW 4 Ave.	378-2285
Home Depot Stores (bulbs only – no tubes)	7107 NW 4 Blvd. and 5150 NW 13 St.	332-7440 371-8459

**4. Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) may take their fluorescent ballasts and bulbs to the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center** listed above (for a fee). Always call first.

## Foam Produce Trays

*Foam trays used by grocery stores to package  
fruits and vegetables (usually green)*

1. **Donate** to a childcare center, preschool or community center for reuse in craft projects.  
Always call first!

2. **Recycle** at a Publix grocery store. Recycling containers for produce trays are found near the store entrance. Please recycle trays used for fruits or vegetables only, not meat or seafood trays. You can recycle foam egg cartons in the same container.

See: [Plastic Bags](#)

## Food

*Perishable (food that spoils such as meat) and non-perishable (canned, boxed) food items*

1. **Reduce** waste by buying perishable food (such as fruits or meats) in small quantities, or freezing food you don't plan to eat right away.

2. **Donate** extra food to charity. Always call first

a) Local food banks. Here are some suggestions:

Bread of the Mighty Food Bank	761 NW 5 <sup>th</sup> St	336-0839
Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
St. Francis House	413 S Main St	368-1883
Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St	371-2487
ElderCare of Alachua County	4026 NW 22 Ave	265-9040

b) May 13, 2006 = annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. Non-perishable food items will be picked up at your mailbox.

c) **GLO (Gainesville Little Ones)** is a nonprofit organization that gives children (who would not get one otherwise) a Christmas which includes presents for under the tree as well as baskets of food. Contact Susanne Olivas, 334-2053 if you wish to adopt a family and/or donate non-perishable food items.

3. **Compost** food waste (such as vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags, egg shells, etc.)

NOTE: Free wire compost bins for residents inside the city limits are available at the **Solid Waste Division, 201 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, 334-2330**. Call **Alachua County Waste Management, 374-5213** for residents who live outside the city limits of Gainesville.

4. **Businesses** please consider the above charitable organizations before you throw away your food items.



## Fuel

*Diesel, gasoline, heating oil, boat fuel, kerosene, mixed fuels*  
--- Clean or Contaminated ---



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash; pour down the drain or on the ground.**

1. **Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440.**

## Fuel tanks

*Empty metal tanks that once held liquid fuel such as oil, gasoline, or kerosene*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Return** to the fuel oil distributor (see decal or name stamped on the tank).
2. **Sell** to a scrap metal dealer.

Commercial Metals Company	1508 NW 55 Pl	375-0224
Gulf Coast Metals	817 NE Waldo Rd	373-6354

3. **Dispose** (for a fee) at the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0176.**

## Furniture

*Used household or office items such as chairs, tables, beds, bookcases, etc.*

1. **Repair** or refinish, and keep.

2. **Donate** in good condition items to a local thrift store or charity or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.

Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
St. Francis House	413 S Main St	368-1883
Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
Humane Society Thrift Shop	2031 NW 6 St	373-9522
Salvation Army Thrift Store	1121 N Main St	373-7597
Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St	371-2487

3. **Sell** to a consignment shop. The following shops accept in good condition furniture, but call first.

Weecycle of Gainesville, Inc.	5240 NW 34 <sup>th</sup> Street	376-2212	Baby furniture
Sandy's Consignment Boutique	2906 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	372-1226	Upscale furniture
Jeannie's Attic	14925 Main Street, Alachua, FL	386 462-3119	Good condition

4. **Sell** through the Internet, newspaper, or a yard sale.

5. **Dispose** of (for a fee) at the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0176** or take furniture to any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

Alachua/High Springs	16929 NW US Hwy 441	386 454-2563
Archer	19401 SW Archer Rd	352 495-3257
Fairbanks	9920 NE Waldo Rd	352 334-3873
North Central	10714 N SR 121	352 334-3875
Phifer	11700 SE Hawthorne Rd	352 334-3874

6. **Dispose:** City of Gainesville residents with curbside service can call the **Solid Waste Division at 334-2330** for a bulk pickup (no charge). Please call at least 24 hours in advance of your garbage day to insure getting scheduled, otherwise you will have to wait until the following week.

7. Alachua County residents with curbside service can call **Alachua County Waste Collection at 338-3233** for pickup and specifics.

## Games / Puzzles

*Used board games, jigsaw puzzles (no missing pieces please)*

1. **Sell** through the Internet, newspaper, or yard sale.
2. **Donate** in good condition to a local thrift store/charity or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group. Below are some suggestions. Always call first.

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3. **Donate** to a school, day care center or a hospital of your choice or give to a friend or neighbor. Always Call first.

Also see: [Toys](#)

## Gas Cans

*Small (up to 15 gallons) metal or plastic container to store gasoline  
For home use such as lawn mowers or generators*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!  
EMPTY cans are not hazardous.**

1. **Reuse** the can, or give it away.
2. **Dispose** EMPTY, clean cans with cap removed in regular trash.
3. **Drop off** cans with gasoline still inside at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440.**
4. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) may take their gas cans with gas in them to the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center** listed above (for a fee).  
Always call first.

## Glass

*Items made of glass including bottles, jars, windows, and doors*

1. **Reuse** glass bottles or jars for storage, leftovers, vases, or display
2. **Donate** to a school or daycare center for reuse in craft projects. Always call first
3. **Recycle** glass bottles or jars at **curbside in your blue bin**. Please rinse and remove lids (no need to remove labels).
4. **Schedule** a bulk pick up at curbside. Unbroken, un-usable glass windows & doors can be scheduled for pickup at the curb by calling **(City) 334-2330** or **(County) 338-3233** at least 24 hours in advance of your garbage day.

**NOTE:** If glass is broken please wrap it in newspaper or bag it so no one gets hurt and place it in your garbage.

5. **Drop off** bottles and jars at **SP Recycling, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 378-3001** or take to any of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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6. **Recycle** glass windows or doors (unbroken & in good condition) at a building material recycler:

Habitat for Humanity Resale Center	2317 SW 13 St	373-5728	Offers pick up service for large items.
ReUser Building Products Inc	622 SE 2 St	379-4600	Call for details

7. **Businesses** can donate their re-usable materials to a building material recycler (see #6) or take it to the **Florence Landfill, 3003 SE 15<sup>th</sup> St., 375-9919** or **Watson Landfill, 20103 SW Archer Rd., 538-4161** if not re-usable. Fee Charged. Used Bottles & jars can go to **SP Recycling** (see #5). Always call first.

## Grease / Cooking Oil / Vegetable Oil

*Used or unused oil or grease (such as salad dressing or bacon fat)*

1. **Household:** Pour hot grease or oil into a container (such as an empty soup can). When grease has cooled, place container into the regular trash. If you use a container you want to keep (such a coffee mug), you can transfer the cooled grease to a plastic zip lock bag and throw it into the trash.

**NOTE:** Never pour grease or oil down the drain. This clogs up the City of Gainesville drainage system as well as creates problems for our waterways.

2. **Business** should call a local grease or septic hauler for grease pumping or picking up used oil. Here are some suggestions:

Beltz Liquid Waste Management, Inc	7030 NW 23 <sup>rd</sup> Way	372-7448
Myers Septic and Well Drilling	224 NE 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave	378-2375
Stirling Food Systems		1-800-223-3795
Griffin Industries		1-904-964-8083

## Guns / Ammunition

*Bullets, cartridges, shotguns, handguns, rifles, flare guns, etc.*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Sell or trade** at a local gun shop. Here are some suggestions:

Alachua County Feed & Seed Store	2316 NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St	377-9956
M & C Army Surplus Store	626 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	378-6960
Sapp's Pawn Gun & Archery Shop	111 NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St	372-8301
Tucker Firearms	2521 NW 41 <sup>st</sup> St	222-6433

2. **Drop-off** in the lobby of a police station. Always call first

Gainesville Police Department	721 NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St	334-2400
Alachua County Sheriff's Office	2621 SE Hawthorne Rd	367-4000

## Hair

*10-inch long section of cut hair in a ponytail*

1. **Donate** to your local hair salon. Many participate in donating cut hair to create wigs for cancer patients. For more information, visit:

**Locks of Love** - [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org)

**Wigs for Kids** – [www.wigsforkids.org](http://www.wigsforkids.org)

## Hangers

*Wire or plastic clothing hangers*

1. **Drop off** wire hangers at most dry cleaners for reuse. Call first.

2. **Donate** (wire or plastic) to a local thrift store/charity for hanging clothes. Call first.

Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
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## Hazardous Waste



**Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

NOTE: If you have anything that is hazardous or if you may think it is hazardous or you just don't know, please call the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440**. When in doubt, call and they will be more than happy to help you.



(Look for the man with the skull & crossbones bag. This indicates a hazardous product)

## Hearing Aids

*Any type, adult or child, in-ear or over-the-ear*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Donate** for reuse/recycling to the store you got your hearing aid from. Most of the hearing aid stores will have a Lions Club collection box or some other means of recycling the hearing aids.
2. **Donate** to Children's Hearing Help Fund at [www.childrenshearinghelpfund.com](http://www.childrenshearinghelpfund.com). You can request a postage-paid mailing box be sent to you at no cost to you and for your convenience.
3. **Drop it off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440**.

## Household Goods

*Housewares such as pots and pans, dishes, cutlery, baskets, decorative items, linens, etc.*

1. **Reuse** items. For example, old sheets can be reused as paint drop cloths, old towels can be reused as cleaning rags, old dishes can be broken and reused for mosaics, old baskets can be reused for storage etc.
  
2. **Donate** to a local thrift store or charity or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group. Below are some suggestions. Always call first.

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3. **Sell** through the newspaper, yard sale, or on the Internet.
  
4. **Dispose** of un-usable small household items in your **curbside garbage cart** or you can take them to any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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## Jet Skis

*Water sport vehicles*

1. **Sell** through the newspaper, yard sale, or on the Internet.
2. **Donate** to your favorite charity or use [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group. See below for charity donations:

Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St	371-2487
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3. **Dispose** of junk jet skis at a salvage dealer. Call first. Some suggestions are:

Harts Auto Salvage	Hwy 2082, Hawthorne	481-4397
Mike's Scrap Metal Junk Cars	17621 SW 183 <sup>rd</sup> Ave, Archer	494-4397
Commercial Metals Company	1508 NW 55 <sup>th</sup> Pl	375-0224
Automotive Recycling	2406 NE 19 <sup>th</sup> Dr	372-9533

## Junk Mail

*Unwanted mail including any type of paper  
(Such as glossy paper and window envelopes)*

1. **Reduce** by calling the **City of Gainesville, Solid Waste Division at 334-2070** for a Junk Mail Reduction Kit or log onto [www.stopjunkmail.org](http://www.stopjunkmail.org).
2. **The residential curbside orange bin** now takes mixed office paper and junk mail.
3. **Drop off** (at no charge) to **Recycling Services of America, 2874 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Terr., 379-5797**.
4. **Businesses** can take it to (#2) **Recycling Services of America** at no charge or schedule for a paper recycling vendor to pick junk mail up at your office along with your office paper and cardboard. Some suggestions are:

Recycling Services of America	379-5797	Fee charged for pickup service – containers provided
Tacachale Recycling	955-5506	No fee for pickup service – containers not provided

# Latex Paint

*Water- based latex, vinyl, or acrylic paint in a spray or can*

**NOTE:** Latex paint CANNOT be disposed in the regular trash because it is a liquid. It is safe to throw away **empty/dry** paint cans. However, if **liquid** paint remains in the can, please use it up, donate it, or dry it out before putting it in the trash.

**To dry paint:** Use an open, secure, sheltered area – away from flames, children or pets. You can leave the can open, or pour the paint into a box of crumpled newspaper. Kitty litter also works well to help dry out empty paint cans.

1. **Reduce** waste by buying only as much paint as you need.
2. **Use** leftover paint by:
  - a) Painting a closet, garage, basement, attic, or some other out-of-the-way place.
  - b) Painting a primer coat (which will be covered with a final coat).
  - c) Mixing paints with similar colors (latex only). Don't mix interior with exterior.
3. **Return** any unopened (standard shelf color) paint back to the store for a refund.
4. **Donate** through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.
5. **Drop off** unopened or partially used cans to the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440** for recycling or reuse (free paint for Alachua County residents). You may also take latex paint to any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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6. **Business** may drop off paint (for a fee) at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center**.

**Note:** You can recycle your 5 gal. empty & rinsed plastic buckets by dropping them off at **Morningside Nature Center, 3540 E. Univ. Ave., 393-8756**. They can use all they can get for the annual Air Potato Roundup.

Also see: [Oil Paint](#)

## Lawn Mowers

*Non-riding, push-style mowers*

1. **Sell** at a yard sale or through the newspaper.
2. **Donate** working mower to a friend or someone you know who needs one. You can try the sign in your yard approach. Put the working mower by the road and put a sign on it:

**FREE**

**“Mower needs a good home  
will work for GAS.”**

Try [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.

3. **Dispose** of by taking push or riding lawn mowers (for a fee) to the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0176** or **recycle** at any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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4. **Dispose** of junk mowers at a salvage dealer. Call first. Some suggestions are:

Harts Auto Salvage	Hwy 2082, Hawthorne	481-4397
Mike’s Scrap Metal Junk Cars	17621 SW 183 <sup>rd</sup> Ave, Archer	494-4397
Commercial Metals Company	1508 NW 55 <sup>th</sup> Pl	375-0224
Automotive Recycling	2406 NE 19 <sup>th</sup> Dr	372-9533

## Magazines

*Periodicals such as Newsweek or National geographic*

1. **Reuse** by setting up a magazine and book exchange area. You can do this at work with a small bookcase in the break room. You can do this at home with a bookcase, in a community / common room at a mobile home park, apartment complex, senior community, etc.
2. **Recycle** at curbside or take to any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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3. **Donate** to a library, community center, hospital waiting room, retirement home, day care center, nursing home, church, prison, school, salon, or doctor/dentist office.

**NOTE:** If donating, remove your mailing label.

## Medical Equipment

*Hospital bed, walker, lift chair, wheelchair, crutches, etc.*

1. **Donate** “in good condition” equipment to a local thrift store or charity or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group. Below are some suggestions. Always call first.

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2. **Sell** through the newspaper, yard sale, or on the Internet.

3. **Schedule** a bulk pick up at curbside. Equipment that is not usable can be scheduled for pickup at the curb by calling (**City of Gainesville residents**) **334-2330** or (**Alachua County residents**) **338-3233** at least 24 hours in advance of your garbage day.

4. **Dispose** of unusable items at the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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## Medical Waste

*Any solid or liquid waste that may present a threat of infection to humans including tissue, body parts, blood and blood products, body fluids, and discarded sharps. Materials saturated with blood, body fluids, or other excretions (urine, saliva)- that are visibly contaminated with blood- are also considered biomedical waste unless they have been properly treated.*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Dispose** of medical waste (including biological or infectious) waste by calling a permitted transporter or treatment facility. A list is available on the **Florida Department of Health's** website at [www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/community/biomedical](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/community/biomedical) or you can call them at **334-7930** for instructions.

## Medications / Pharmaceutical waste

*Unused or outdated prescription or over-the-counter medications*



**These are hazardous waste. DO NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **DO NOT** flush medications down the toilet or put them in your garbage (according to the Department of Health)! Waste water treatment facilities are not designed to treat flushed medications that can interfere with plant operations. Another hazard is that medications can pass through the treatment facility and harm plants or fish downstream.

1. **Dispose** of by taking expired or unwanted medications to the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440.**

2. **Drop off** expired or unwanted medications to the **Wise's Pharmacies** listed below:

Wise's Drug Store	239 W University Ave	372-4371
Wise's Parkwood Pharmacy	3601 SW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave	373-3547
Wise's Pharmacy	708 SW 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave	376-8286



## Metal, Scrap

*Ferrous (iron and steel) and non-ferrous  
(Aluminum, copper, brass, stainless steel, and zinc)*

1. **Sell** to a metal recycler (call for specifics):

Harts Auto Salvage	Hwy 2082, Hawthorne	481-4397
Mike's Scrap Metal Junk Cars	17621 SW 183 <sup>rd</sup> Ave, Archer	494-4397
Commercial Metals Company	1508 NW 55 <sup>th</sup> Pl	375-0224
Gulf Coast Metals	817 NE Waldo Rd	373-6354
Automotive Recycling	2406 NE 19 <sup>th</sup> Dr	372-9533

2. **Recycle** at any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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## Motor Oil / Motor Oil Filters

*Please pour used motor oil (from a vehicle oil change) into a clean, empty plastic Container, and do not mix with other fluids including water. Place filter in another clean plastic container/bag.*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440** for recycling. Used motor oil and filters are used as fuel at power plants and the metal part of the filter is recycled as well.

2. **Drop off** at a participating automotive store for recycling. Some suggestions are:

Pep Boys	7725 Newberry Rd	332-6003	5 gallon limit
Discount Auto	1035 E University Ave	371-7515	5 gallon limit
	239 NW 75 <sup>th</sup> St	332-8931	5 gallon limit
	2830 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	371-3083	4 gallon limit
	6392 NW 23 <sup>rd</sup> St	384-1899	5 gallon limit
Auto Zone	3919 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	378-1628	20 quart limit
	1341 E University Ave	378-2023	20 quart limit

3. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) may take their used motor oil to the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center** listed above for a fee (always call first). Another option is to contact a used oil handler directly:

USFilter	1-800-235-0189
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## Musical Instruments

*Flute, saxophone, piano, etc.*

1. **Sell** through the newspaper, yard sale, or on the Internet.
2. **Sell** or **donate** in good condition used musical instruments to a music store. Always call first.

Lipham Music	3427 W University Ave	372-5351	Takes trade-in only
Gold Rush Pawn	4350 SW 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave	376-8090	Buys used instruments
Sim's Music & Sound	4000 W Newberry Rd	377-8986	Takes trade-in & donations
Gainesville Violin	4240 NW 129 <sup>th</sup> St	331-5555	Trade in your old violin purchased from Gainesville Violin & get 70% off purchase of new violin.
Band Central Station	2624 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	371-9057	Takes trade-in & donations

3. **Donate** through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.

4. **Donate** to a local thrift store or charity. Below are some suggestions. Always call first.

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Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
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5. **Donate** to schools by calling the **School Board of Alachua County Warehouse at 955-7413.**

# Newspaper

*Loose, dry newspaper and inserts*

1. **Reuse** newspaper for:

- a) Sharing with a friend, neighbor, or co-worker
- b) Packing material (shipping or storage)
- c) Wrapping gifts
- d) Crafts

2. **Recycle** at curbside or drop off at any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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3. **Drop off** at one of the paper recycling processors:

SP Recycling	5121 NE 63 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	378-3001
Recycling Services of America	2874 NE 1 <sup>st</sup> Ter.	379-5797

4. **Donate** to any one of the schools that participate in the **SP Recycling Corp. Fundraising Program**. There will be a recycling container (7 yard container) set up in parking lots of schools that participate. All proceeds go to the schools plus **SP Recycling** awards the winning school (most newspaper collected) each month with a pizza party.

**NOTE:** Now SP Recycling will accept white office paper only (**not** junk mail, colored paper, cardboard or pasteboard) in with the newspaper for the school fundraising program.

**Businesses** – If you are looking for a place to take your newspapers & white office paper check out #4. It's a worthwhile cause that helps out schools. Pick your favorite school or a school near you that participates in the program and drop it off in the 7 yard container in the parking lot.

## Oil Absorbents

*Materials used to absorb (soak up) oil*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

Oil absorbents are treated the same way as the particular oil:

1. Absorbents used for **fuel oil** are hazardous and must be disposed of properly.

**See – Fuel**

2. Absorbents used for **motor oil** are hazardous and must be disposed of properly.

**See - Motor Oil**

3. Absorbents used for **cooking oil** (such as paper towels) are not hazardous and can be disposed in the regular trash, just as cooking oil can be,

## Oil Paint

*Oil-based alkyd, polyurethane, or varnish paint in a spray or can*



**This is hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash, Pour down the drain, or on the ground! EMPTY dry cans are safe to dispose in the trash.**

**NOTE:** Please do not throw away cans with ANY oil paint inside (even if it's dry). Instead, use it up, donate it, or drop it off for safe disposal.

1. **Reduce** waste by buying only as much paint as you need.
2. **Use** leftover paint by:
  - a) Painting a closet, garage, basement, attic, or some other out-of-the-way place.
  - b) Painting a primer coat (which will be covered with a final coat).
  - c) Mixing paints with similar colors (oil only).
3. **Return** any unopened (standard shelf color) paint back to the store for a refund.
4. **Donate** through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.
5. **Drop off** unopened or partially used cans to the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440** for recycling or reuse (free paint for Alachua County residents). You may also take latex paint to any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

Alachua/High Springs	16929 NW US Hwy 441	386 454-2563
Archer	19401 SW Archer Rd	352 495-3257
Fairbanks	9920 NE Waldo Rd	352 334-3873
North Central	10714 N SR 121	352 334-3875
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6. **Businesses** may drop off paint (for a fee) at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center**.

**Note:** You can recycle your 5 gal. empty & rinsed plastic buckets by dropping them off at **Morningside Nature Center, 3540 E. Univ. Ave., 393-8756**. They can use all they can get for the annual Air Potato Roundup.

Also see: [Latex Paint](#)

## Packing Peanuts

*Plastic or foam loose fill packing that resembles peanuts*

1. **Reuse** for shipping or storage.

2. **Donate** to a packing/mailing store for reuse. There is also a hotline (1-800-828-2214) and website ([www.loosefillpackaging.com](http://www.loosefillpackaging.com)) available for locating peanut recycling sites. The following accept packing peanuts (some also take Styrofoam padding, bubble wrap and packing paper) gratefully! Always call first

Express Postal Centers	4300 NW 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	376-8005	Takes peanuts, airbags & bubble wrap
Ship Right Plus Inc	2937 NE 19 <sup>th</sup> Dr	377-4525	Takes all types of styrofoam
Westside Postal Center	7257 NW 4 <sup>th</sup> Blvd	332-4330	Takes peanuts, airbags & bubble wrap
The UPS Store	5200 NW 42nd St	377-6840	Takes peanuts & other materials when supply is low.
	2603 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	371-0403	Same as above
	3324 W University Ave	376-9999	Same as above
	9200 NW 39 Ave	336-3800	Same as above
	5745 SW 75 <sup>th</sup> St	395-7447	Same as above
	14260 W Newberry Rd	332-9511	Same as above
Atlas Screen Printing	131 SE 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave	376-7646	Takes peanuts & other materials when supply is low.
Dove Outreach	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St.	371-2487	Takes all types of packing material. Also will take 2' x2' boxes or larger.

3. **Dispose at curbside** or at any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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4. **Businesses** can see #2 above for reuse option. Another option is to call the Southern Waste Information Exchange (SWIX) at 1-800-441-4949 or visit [www.wastexchange.org](http://www.wastexchange.org).

**NOTE:** Always make sure your Styrofoam is securely bagged properly to prevent litter.

## Pallets

*Wood or plastic platforms used for storage and transportation*

1. **Recycle** back to a supplier. Always call first

Gainesville Pallets	3530 SE Hawthorne Rd	367-1239	
Southern Fuelwood Inc	28826 W Newberry Rd, Newberry	472-4324	Takes 48" X 40" in A+ condition only

2. **Donate** through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.

3. **Dispose/Recycle** by taking (for a fee) to the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0176**. The Transfer station in turn grinds the pallets up for residents to use (free of charge) as wood chips for landscaping projects. Call for details.

4. **Dispose** by taking (fee charged) to **Wood Resource Recovery, 10606 N SR 121, 378-9133**.



## Paper

*Paper products including copy paper, notepaper, windowless envelopes, etc.*

1. **Reuse** flip side for painting drafts or email, children’s drawings, or scratch pad.
2. **Recycle** at one of the paper recycling processors. Call for details

SP Recycling	5121 NE 63 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	378-3001	Takes white paper, newspaper & corrugated cardboard only.
Recycling Services of America	2874 NE 1 <sup>st</sup> Terr	379-5797	Takes white & mixed office paper, computer paper, File stock, newspaper, magazines, catalogs & corrugated cardboard.

3. **Donate** “white paper only” to any one of the schools that participate in the **SP Recycling Corp. Fundraising Program**. There will be a recycling container (7 yard container) set up in parking lots of schools that participate. All proceeds go to the schools plus **SP Recycling** awards the winning school (determined by weight) each month with a pizza party.

**NOTE:** Now SP Recycling will accept white office paper only (**not** junk mail, colored paper, cardboard or pasteboard) in with the newspaper for the school fundraising program.

4. **Businesses** can use options #1-3 above

***If confidentiality is NOT an issue:***

1. **Recycle** shredded or un-shredded documents by dropping off or arranging for it to be picked up for a fee at the following locations:

Recycling Services of America	2874 NE 1 Terr	379-5797	Drop off at no charge or contract to pick up regularly for a fee. Containers provided
Tacachale Recycling	1621 NE Waldo Rd	955-5506	Drop off or contract to pick up regularly at no charge. Containers not provided

***If confidentiality IS an issue:***

2. **Recycle** using a document management company to shred confidential papers on-site or off-site, and provide a Certificate of Destruction. Fees Vary. The following companies offer shredding services in Alachua County:

Cintas Management, LLC	1-877-339-4847	On site
Shred-It	1-800-697-4733	On site
Iron Mountain	1-800-327-8345	On site (recurring only)
Secure On-Site Shredding	1-877-974-7337	On site
Reliable Shredding	1-386-752-7022	On site

## Paperboard (Pasteboard)

*Dry single-layer board items such as:*

*Cereal boxes, crackers boxes, tissue boxes, gift boxes, shoe boxes,  
Paper egg cartons, and empty paper towel or toilet paper rolls  
(No waxed or foil-coated cartons such as milk or juice)*

1. **Reuse** for mailing or storage.
2. **Donate** to a childcare center, preschool or community center for reuse in craft projects. Always call first.
3. **Compost** shred it up and put it in your backyard compost bin.
4. **Drop it off** at Tacachale Recycling, 955-5506. No fee
5. **Dispose** of in your regular garbage.

**NOTE:** Any food contaminated paperboard or corrugated cardboard such as Pizza boxes, milk & juice containers should be thrown away in your garbage. Remember, a product prepared for recycling should be **clean and dry**.

## Paper Shopping Bags

*Empty, dry brown paper bags*

1. **Reduce:**
  - a) Say “no thanks” to a bag if you are only buying a few items, or something that is easy to carry such as a 12-pack of soda.
  - b) Bring your own bag. Try carrying a few reusable (canvas cloth) bags in your vehicle so you’ll always have them handy.
2. **Reuse** for storage or carrying items.
3. **Recycle** in your **orange bin at curbside** or drop off at any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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## Pet Supplies

*Crate, dog or cat food, toys, blanket, towel, medicine, food bowl, leash, Kitty litter, cleaning supplies, trash bags, etc.*

1. **Sell** large items (such as crate) through the newspaper or yard sale.

2. **Donate** to an animal shelter/society:

- Animal Services Dept. Of Alachua County:  
3400 NE 53<sup>RD</sup> Ave Gainesville ..... (352)264-6870
- Humane Society Thrift Shop Of Alachua County:  
2031 NW 6 ST Gainesville ..... (352)373-9522

3. **Donate** in good condition supplies to a local thrift store or charity or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group. Below are some suggestions. Always call first.

Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
Salvation Army Thrift Store	1121 N Main St	373-7597
Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St	371-2487

## Phone Books

*Remove plastic wrap, bag or magnets*

1. **Recycle at curbside in your orange bin** or drop off at any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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2. **Reduce waste:**

- a) Request fewer copies be delivered to your home or office if you're getting more than you need.
- b) Utilize on-line or CD phone books:

MEGAbook	367-2400	<a href="http://www.TalkingPhoneBook.com">www.TalkingPhoneBook.com</a>
The Source Book	331-3200	<a href="http://www.WorldPages.com">www.WorldPages.com</a>
BellSouth	1-888-757-6500	<a href="http://www.bellsouth.com/phonebook">www.bellsouth.com/phonebook</a>

3. **Recycle** by taking to **Recycling Services of America, 2874 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Ter., 379-5797.**

# Plastic Bags

*Clean, empty, dry plastic bags*

## 1. Reduce:

- a) Say “no thanks” to a bag if you are only buying a few items, or something that is easy to carry such as a 12-pack of soda.
- b) Bring your own bag. Try carrying a few reusable (canvas or cloth) bags in your vehicle so you’ll always have them handy.

## 2. Reuse:

- a) Shopping - Reuse last week’s bags for this week’s groceries.
- b) Packing material - Use for lightweight filler in shipping or storage boxes.
- c) Lunch box - Carry your lunch or a snack.
- d) Trash liner - Save money on small trash bags by reusing plastic grocery bags.
- e) Dog picker-upper - Use a newspaper sleeve to pick up after your dog.
- f) In gym bag – To carry a wet swimsuit or sweaty gym clothes

## 4. Recycle bags at local stores in the recycling containers marked “plastic bags’ near The store entrance:

Albertson’s	3930 SW Archer Rd	377-5046
Winn-Dixie	300 SW 16 <sup>TH</sup> Ave	336-9700
Publix	3100 SW 35 <sup>TH</sup> Blvd	367-4324
	1302 N Main St	375-2919
	5200 NW 43 <sup>RD</sup> St	375-5310
	4115 NW 16 <sup>TH</sup> Blvd	376-4616
	1200 NW 76 <sup>TH</sup> Blvd	332-0661
	14130 W Newberry Rd.	332-5114
	2755 SW 91 <sup>ST</sup> St	331-1037
	9200 NW 39 <sup>TH</sup> Ave	375-1285
	3720 NW 13 <sup>TH</sup> St	335-3785
	5801 SW 75 <sup>TH</sup> St	375-1110
	125 SW 34 <sup>TH</sup> St	376-1217
	5200 SW 34 <sup>TH</sup> St	375-1094
Wal Mart	2649 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	378-0619
	3570 SW Archer Rd	371-3171

Also see: [Paper Shopping Bags](#)

## Plastic Bottles

*#1, #2 and #3 bottles only, no caps, labels okay*

1. **Reuse** for bird feeders, funnels, storage, crafts, etc.
2. **Recycle at curbside in your blue bin** or drop-off at any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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Examples of plastic bottles that can be recycled (up to a 2-gallon container) are milk jugs, juice bottles, water bottles, soda bottles, and laundry detergent bottles. A good rule of thumb is that if the plastic bottle has a neck then it's most likely recyclable. Another way to tell is to check the recycling triangle on bottom of the bottle for **#1, 2 or 3**. Plastic bottles marked with #4-7 cannot be recycled curbside at this time.

3. **Businesses** can ask their trash hauler to pick up recycling (for a fee) and add it to their contract or they can take their plastics bottles, glass jars, tin & aluminum cans to **SP Recycling, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 378-3001** (no charge).

**NOTE: The City of Gainesville has a mandatory commercial recycling Code of Ordinance, Section 27-85. Please call the Solid Waste Division Office of Recycling, 334-2130 for further information.**

## Plastic Plant Containers

*Empty, disposable plastic containers used for plants  
(These are not recyclable in our local curbside program)*

1. **Reuse** for transplanting or giving plants to friends.
2. **Donate** to a local nursery or garden center for reuse. The following accept “in good condition” plastic plant containers of 1 gallon or larger:

Florida Greenkeepers	1401 NW 53 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	373-4932
Gardengate Nursery	2406 NW 43 <sup>rd</sup> St	376-4922
Harmony Gardens	5416 NW 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave	378-3808
Prairie View Nursery/Lawn Enforcement	4802 SW 85 <sup>th</sup> Ave	335-3176

## Plastic Waste

*Commercial or industrial items made of plastic such as  
PVC pipe, bulk containers or injection molding scrap*

1. **Businesses** can contact a plastics recycling company for large amounts of plastic:

Advanced Recycling LLC	13403 NE CR 1471, Waldo	468-3800
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2. **Businesses** can also exchange unwanted plastics through **SWIX** (Southern Waste Information Exchange) at 1-800-441-4949 or [www.wastexchange.org](http://www.wastexchange.org).
3. **Drop off** your empty & rinsed 5 gal. plastic paint buckets at **Morningside Nature Center, 3540 E. Univ. Ave, 393-8756**. They need all they can get for the annual Air Potato Round-up.
4. **Dispose** of at the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0176** (for a fee). Call for details.

## Printer Cartridges

*Used (spent) inkjet or laser toner cartridges*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Mail back** to the manufacturer. Many companies (such as Hewlett-Packard and Dell) provide a postage-paid return address label.
2. **Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440** for recycling.
3. **Recycle** at a local office supply store:

Mr. Paper	1040 S. Main St.	377-2737
Office Depot	1015 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St.	377-4003
Central FL Office Plus	10 NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	378-2577

**Note:** **Office Depot** will give a \$3.00 in store coupon for approved cartridges turned in.

4. **Businesses** can use options #1, #2 (for a fee) & #3. Also, call **Mr. Paper** for pick up service at your location (no charge).



## Propane Tanks

*Empty metal tank that once held compresses propane gas*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

### **SMALL TANKS (up to 1 lb). Such as a camping stove tank.**

1. **Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440** for recycling.

### **MEDIUM TANKS (2-20 lbs).Such as a gas grill or turkey fryer tank:**

1. **Reuse** tank by refilling it. Tank must have an OPD (overfilling protection device) valve. If the tank's hand wheel is triangular-shaped, it can be refilled; if it is round or star-shaped, then it cannot be refilled.

2. **Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440** for recycling.

3. **Return** to your propane distributor. They will take back their own unwanted tanks. If you can't remember check for a tank decal or stamp or check the yellow pages under Gas Companies.

### **LARGE TANKS (over 20 lbs) such as a commercial heating tank:**

1. **Call** your propane distributor to request that it be removed. Look for their name on a decal or stamp. Some local distributors are:

Davis Gas Co.	205 NE 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	372-9914
Suburban Propane	2350 SW Archer Rd	376-5651

2. **Sell** empty tanks to a scrap metal dealer. See (Metal, Scrap).

## Radioactive Waste

*Found in certain medical waste, smoke detectors, and other monitoring devices  
Certain medical testing results in radioactive residue in the body.*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Medical radiation:** Please contact your health care practitioner for instructions on Proper handling and disposal of this waste, particularly if the patient wear diapers.
2. **Smoke detectors** or other monitoring devices, see [Smoke Detectors](#).
3. **For other radioactive materials or additional assistance** on proper handling and Disposal of radioactive waste, contact the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). For *emergencies*, call NRC's 24 Hour Operation Center at 301-816-5100 – you can call collect. For *non-emergencies*, call NRS's toll-free Safety Hotline at 1-800-695-7403. For more information, visit <http://www.nrc.gov/waste.html>

## Railroad Ties / Landscaping Timber

*Wood timbers that may be pressure treated or creosoted*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Reuse** for landscaping, fences, borders, retaining wall, or walkways.
2. **Drop off** your pressure treated lumber (for a fee) at the Transfer Station.
3. **Donate** “in good condition” material through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.

## School Supplies

*Pencils, crayons, paper, book, glue, index cards, paints, craft or art supplies, highlighters, envelopes, erasers, notebooks, etc.*

1. **Donate** “in good condition” or new supplies to the School Board of Alachua County’s **Tools for School, 374-5213, [www.toolsforschools.alachua.fl.us](http://www.toolsforschools.alachua.fl.us)**. Call for details.

2. **Donate** “in good condition” or new supplies to a local thrift store or charity or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group. Below are some suggestions. Always call first.

Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
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Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St	371-2487

3, **Donate** to a local school, daycare or community center of your choice. Always call first.

## Septic Tanks

*Tank used for septic/sewage disposal*

1. **Keep or Dispose.** A permit is required to either remove or abandon (keep in the ground) a septic tank. Old septic tanks can be safely kept in the ground if they are drained, punctured and filled with sand. Call a septic tank company to keep or dispose of your tank. Some suggestions are:

Beltz Liquid Waste Management, Inc	7030 NW 23 Way	372-7448
Myers Septic & Well Drilling	224 NE 16 Ave	378-2375

**NOTE:** For more information on regulations check out the **Handbook of Florida Water Regulations** at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fe053> or call the **Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** at 334-7930.

## Sewage, raw

*Untreated refuse liquids or waste matter*



**This is prohibited waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Contact** a professional hauler to pump out a septic tank or portables toilet. Some suggestions are:

Dampier's Septic Tank, Well & Porta Potti Co	7030 NW 23 Way	378-2659
Sun State Sanitation, Inc	7505 NW 131 St	331-3386

2. **Dispose** of motor home raw sewage at the motor home park you are staying at or you can use the **GRU Sanitary Sewer Station, 2800 NE 39<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**NOTE:** Raw Sewage is **NOT** accepted at The Solid Waste Collection Centers or the Laveda Brown Environmental Park & Transfer Station.

## Signs

*Signs made of wood, metal, or plastic*

1. **Donate** or **sell** metal signs to a metal recycler (see **Metal, Scrap**)

2. **Dispose** of signs at the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0176** (fee charged) or take to any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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## Smoke Detectors

*Battery-operated or electrical device used to warn occupants of smoke*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!  
Never break open a smoke detector!**

1. **Return** an old or defective smoke detector to the manufacturer:
  - a) Manufacturers are required by law to accept detectors for disposal as hazardous waste. Most smoke detectors are hazardous due to small amount of radioactive material (Americium 241) inside. The material is not harmful unless the device is opened; so do not take a smoke detector apart.
  - b) Look for manufacturer information on bottom or inside if detector, or in the instruction/warranty materials.
  - c) If you can't find an address or phone number on your detector, look for the brand name (the most common are listed below). Call for instructions on mailing it back:

Company	Brand	Phone
Dicon Global	American Sensors, Garrison, North American Detectors, TEN-TEK	1-800-387-4219
BRK Brands, Inc	BRK, First Alert	1-800-323-9005

2. **Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440.**

## Solar Panels

*Used for heating pools or water systems*

1. **Sell** working units through the newspaper, Internet, or a yard sale.
2. **Donate** “in good condition” units through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.
3. **Dispose** of “passive” solar panels (systems that use non-mechanical techniques) in your regular trash or you can take to the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0176** (fee charged) or take to any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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4. **Drop off** “active” solar panels (systems that use mechanical components) at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440**. Active solar panels contain circuitry and must be treated as hazardous electronic waste. Always call first.

## Sports Equipment

*Balls, bats, exercise equipment, weights, golf clubs, helmets, etc.*

1. **Sell** or trade used equipment to **Play it Again Sports:**

- **2425 W University Ave .....(352)377-7666**

2. **Sell** through the newspaper, internet, or a yard sale.

3. **Recycle** by selling the metal to a metal recycler. (See Metal, Scrap)

4. **Donate** “in good condition” equipment to a local community center, youth club, school or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.

5. **Donate** to local thrift stores or charity groups. Below are some suggestions. Always call first.

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Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St	371-2487

6. **Dispose** of at curbside (call for a bulk pickup if larger than your garbage container) or drop off at the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0176** (fee charged) or take to any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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## Steel Cans

*Clean, empty steel (“tin”) cans used for soup, vegetables, ground coffee, etc.*

1. **Reuse** for storage or craft projects.
2. **Recycle** at curbside or take to any one of the **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

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3. **Business** can ask their trash hauler or recycler if they will pick up steel cans for Recycling. The licensed trash haulers in Gainesville are:

Waste Management, Inc	377-0800
Southland Waste Systems	373-6776
Waste Pro	(386) 462-2500

**NOTE:** Please rinse cans, but you don’t need to remove labels.

## Syringes

*Syringes, needles, sharps, or lancets used for injecting medicine*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. Syringes, needles, lancets, or “sharps” are considered hazardous **biomedical waste**. These items must be handled by an approved biomedical waste treatment facility, or through the **Sharps Disposal Program**. Visit one of the exchange sites listed below during the hours given and ask for an approved sharps container. A charge of \$3.00 for each container is required to offset the cost of the container and its safe disposal.

Alachua County Health Dept	224 SE 14 <sup>th</sup> St	M-F 8am-5pm
Alachua County Fire Rescue Station #12	1200 SE 43 <sup>rd</sup> St	M-S 8am-4pm
Alachua County Fire Rescue Station #16	1600 Fort Clark Blvd	M-S 8am-4pm
Alachua County Fire Rescue Station #19	1800 SW 43 <sup>rd</sup> St	M-S 8am-4pm
Alachua County Fire Rescue Central Supply Warehouse	5901 NW 34 <sup>th</sup> St	M-F 8am-5pm

For further information contact **Alachua County Health Department, Environmental Health, 334-7930** or visit [www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/fr/health/sharps.aspx](http://www.co.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/fr/health/sharps.aspx).

2. In addition, sharps containers may be purchased (call for price range) at:

Target Pharmacy	3970 SW Archer Rd	377-0939
Walgreen's	3455 SW Archer Rd	373-9408
	7520 W Newberry Rd	333-7911
	1615 NW 13 <sup>th</sup> St	380-9180
	2415 SW 75 <sup>th</sup> St	333-9701
	1170 E University Ave	350-9188

**NOTE:** These sites are provided for the private sector only. All professionals and businesses are regulated under state and federal biohazard waste laws and may not participate.

If an individual cannot afford to purchase a container, contact **Alachua County Social Services, 955-2471**.

## Tar

*Products containing tar or coal such as driveway sealers or roofing tar*



**This is hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

1. **Drop off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440.**
2. **Businesses** (conditionally exempt small quantity generators) may also take (for a fee) tar to the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center** or another option is to contact a chemical waste disposal firm directly.

## Thermometer / Thermostat

*Temperature gauge containing mercury*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

**NOTE:** Thermometers or thermostats that do NOT contain mercury are not hazardous and may be disposed in the regular trash.

1. **Cleanup-** for a broken thermometer or thermostat (that contains mercury), avoid touching the mercury. Sweep onto a newspaper, and put it in a plastic bag. If the item is on carpet, use a vacuum to clean it up, and put the vacuum bag into a plastic bag. Dispose of the bagged mercury properly (see #2 and 3 below)
2. **Drop Off** at the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 334-0440.**
3. **Business** can drop off items (for a fee) at the above Collection Center. Another option is to contact a chemical waste disposal firm directly.

## Tires

*Tires from an automobile, boat trailer, motorcycle, etc.*

1. **Reduce** tire wear (and prolong the life of your tires) with regular inflation, balancing and rotation.
2. **Repair or reuse** a tire with patching or re-treading.
3. **Dispose** for a fee at the **Environmental Park & Transfer Station, 5125 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 334-0176**.
4. **Tire Roundups** occur once or twice yearly for the purpose of helping Alachua County residents get rid of unwanted tires. Contact **Alachua County Waste Management, 374-5213** for the next scheduled roundup.

## Toys

*Dolls, games, cars, blocks, stuffed animals, swings, playhouse, etc.*

**NOTE:** *If you dispose toys in the trash, please remove rechargeable batteries first!  
(See Batteries-Rechargeable)*

1. **Sell** through the Internet, newspaper, consignment shop or yard sale.
2. **Donate** *in good condition* toys to a local daycare center, church nursery or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.
3. **Donate** “in good condition” toys to a local thrift store or charity. Below are some suggestions. Always call first.

Gainesville Community Ministry Thrift Shop	5001 NW 34 St	378-3654
Good Will Industries of N FL	3520 SW 34 St	376-9041
Hospice Attic	300 NW 8 Ave	378-7484
Humane Society Thrift Shop	2031 NW 6 St	373-9522
Salvation Army Thrift Store	1121 N Main St	373-7597
Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St	371-2487

4. **Donate** “gently used” toys to the **Child Advocacy Center, 376-9161**. For more information, log onto [www.childadvocacycentergainesville.org](http://www.childadvocacycentergainesville.org). Contributions are eligible for charitable contribution deductions.

## Trailers

*Campers, mobile homes, travel trailer, boat trailer*

1. **Sell** or trade to a dealer or individual.
2. **Sell** to a metal recycler. Call first. Some suggestions are:

Harts Auto Salvage	Hwy 2082, Hawthorne	481-4397
Mike's Scrap Metal Junk Cars	17621 SW 183 <sup>rd</sup> Ave, Archer	494-4397
Commercial Metals Company	1508 NW 55 <sup>th</sup> Pl	375-0224
Gulf Coast Metals	817 NE Waldo Rd	373-6354
Automotive Recycling	2406 NE 19 <sup>th</sup> Dr	372-9533

3. **Donate** "in good condition" trailers to a charity:

Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St	371-2487
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4. **Donate** "in good condition" toys to a local daycare center, church nursery or through [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.

## Trees

1. **To report a fallen tree:**

- a. Tree in the road or on *County* property call the **Road & Bridge Dept., 374-5245 x-215**
- b. Tree in the road or on *City* property call the city **Parks Division, 334-2171**
- c. Tree on electric power lines call **Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), 334-2871.**

2. To **dispose** or **recycle** trees (see **Yard waste**). Anything over the required yard waste limits can be taken (fee charged) to **Wood Resource Recovery, 10606 N SR 121, 378-9133.**

3. **Call** (fee charged) for pick up service:

Emerald Waste Services	377-0800
1-800-GOT-JUNK	1-800-468-5865

**NOTE:** If a tree service is contracted to take down the tree, they are responsible for disposing of the entire tree.

## Vehicles

*Cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, campers, boats*

1. **Trade** in or sell to a dealer or individual.

2. **Sell** or **donate** to a salvage yard or metal recycler (call for specifics). Some suggestions are:

Harts Auto Salvage	Hwy 2082, Hawthorne	481-4397
Mike's Scrap Metal Junk Cars	17621 SW 183 <sup>rd</sup> Ave, Archer	494-4397
Automotive Recycling	2406 NE 19 <sup>th</sup> Dr	372-9533
Commercial Metals	1508 NW 55 <sup>th</sup> Pl	375-0224

3. **Donate** “in good condition” or “fixable” vehicles to a charity. You may be able to write off the donation as a tax deduction (Check with the charity).

Lisa Jones House	5805 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> St	371-2487
Dignity Project	1125 SE 4 <sup>th</sup> St	371-6792

4. **Donate** to [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) . This is a free website for people or organizations to give away (recycle) unwanted items. Sign up for the local Gainesville group.



## Yard Waste

*Leaves, tree branches, grass clippings, plants, etc.*

**NOTE:** Curbside pick up regulations are: Branches can be no larger than 5 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter. All leaves and small loose twigs must be containerized (i.e. lawn bags or trash cans). If you are in the City of Gainesville limits yard trash with the above requirements is unlimited. The County has a 10 bag (container) limit per week.

1. **Reuse** for mulch or compost. Instead of bagging yard waste:

- a) Leave grass clipping on your lawn
- b) Use fallen leaves to mulch plant beds.
- c) Compost your grass, leaves, plants, etc.

**NOTE:** (Call **City of Gainesville Solid Waste Division, 334-2330** or **Alachua County Waste Management, 374-5213** for free compost wire and compost instruction booklet.

2. **Recycle** at curbside or drop-off at any one of these **Alachua County Rural Collection Centers** at no charge (please call first for details/limits). They are open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm:

Alachua/High Springs	16929 NW US Hwy 441	386 454-2563
Archer	19401 SW Archer Rd	352 495-3257
Fairbanks	9920 NE Waldo Rd	352 334-3873
Phifer	11700 SE Hawthorne Rd	352 334-3874

2. **Drop off** (for a fee) at **Wood Resource Recovery, 10606 N SR 121, 378-9133.**

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