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For Immediate Release:



Monroe County residents in the Middle Keys can drop off their household hazardous waste on Saturday, Oct 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Monroe County Public Works Building on Aviation Boulevard in Marathon.

Hazardous, e-waste collection set for Saturday, Oct. 10

MARATHON, FL (Oct. 9, 2026) – Monroe County Solid Waste will host its quarterly Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste collection on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Monroe County Public Works Building, 10600 Aviation Blvd. in Marathon.

The next collection will be held at the same location on Jan. 9, 2027.

Residents can dispose of materials at the events at no cost.

Household hazardous waste is often found in the garage, sheds, storage areas, or under the kitchen sink. They are corrosive, flammable, reactive, or toxic.

Hazardous waste examples include paints, stains, strippers, wood preservatives, roof tar, and patching compounds, adhesives, putty and caulk, auto/marine maintenance/care products, fiberglass and epoxy resins, solvents, hydraulic fluids, anti-freeze, waste oil, corrosives (muriatic acid, lye, etc.), pesticides, fertilizers, weed killers/herbicides, drain cleaners, pool cleaning products, fluorescent/CFL light bulbs, and waste containing mercury, like light bulbs and thermometers.

E-waste can be items such as televisions, computers, laptops, and old cellphones.

For Middle Keys residents, HHW can also be disposed of at the Long Key Transfer Station, Mile Marker 68, on the first and third Fridays of each month, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monroe County also continues to offer its “Give Back” program, where residents can pick up available materials free of charge for small projects on the first Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. to noon at the transfer stations.

Available items may include paints, cleaners, polishes, oils, lubricants, solvents, and garden chemicals. These items have been collected or turned in by residents with excess, minimal, or little use and are still viable for their intended purpose.

Local identification is required, with limits.

Monroe County and its yard waste contractor continue to offer free compost (nutrient-rich black dirt) to the residents of unincorporated Monroe County and the cities of Marathon, Key Colony Beach, Islamorada, and Layton at the county’s three transfer stations on the first Saturday of the month, also from 8 a.m. to noon or until it is gone.

Residents can pick up bagged compost on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a limit of six bags per household, and no more than two households per vehicle. Proof of residency is required in the form of a driver's license, utility bill, tax bill, etc.

For information, visit https://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/solidwaste.

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