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For Immediate Release:



Middle Keys residents can drop off their household hazardous waste 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.

Hazardous, e-waste collection set for first, third Fridays of month

MARATHON, FL (Nov. 12, 2026) – Household hazardous waste is often found in the garage, sheds, storage areas, or under the kitchen sink.

It can be corrosive, flammable, reactive, or toxic – and difficult to dispose properly.

For Middle Keys residents, HHW can be disposed 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.

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.

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

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.

The county and its yard waste contractor also continue to offer free compost (nutrient-rich black dirt) to Marathon at the transfer station 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.

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