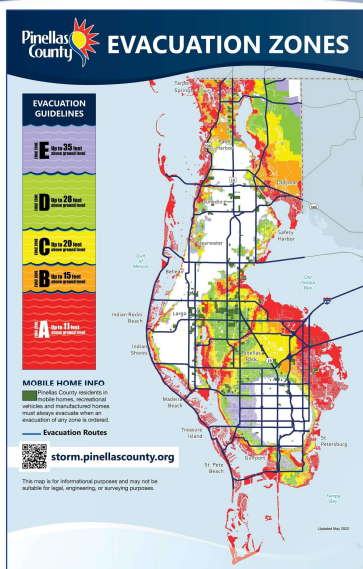




“Rocked Us Like a Hurricane”: How Pinellas County Managed Back-to-Back Hurricanes

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One million residents, 15 million visitors per year
3,491 residents per square mile

The Impacts



Helene: September 26, 2024:
Landfall near Big Bend as Cat 4

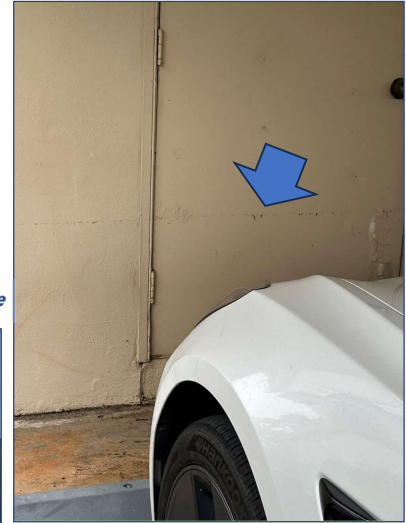
- Storm surge up to 7 feet in Pinellas

Milton: October 10, 2024:
Landfall near Siesta Key as Cat 3

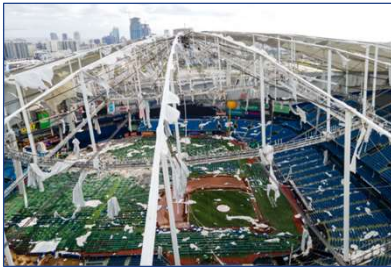
- Wind gusts over 100 MPH in Pinellas



Evacuation Zone A during Hurricane Helene storm surge



Helene storm surge water line



Tropicana Field post-Milton. Photo via CNN



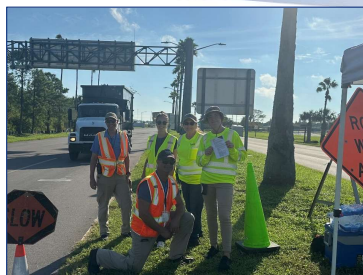
WTE Facility post-Milton

Storm Debris



421,830.62 tons of MSW processed onsite October-December 2024

4,623,000 CY of storm debris generated countywide – that’s 115,575 40YD roll offs!



Debris Screen Team



Storm debris staging area onsite

Solid Waste does not accept storm debris.

Residents in unincorporated areas: take storm debris to 13600 Icot Boulevard, Clearwater. I.D. is required. For more info, visit Pinellas.gov/stormdebris or scan the QR code.

Residents in a municipality: contact the city/town for instructions.

Haulers/private businesses: identify an alternate disposal location. Call ahead is recommended.

Construction & demolition disposal options:

- Angelo's Recycled Materials (GFL Environmental), 1755 20th Ave. SE, Largo, (727) 588-9529
- Sarrago & Sons, 1741 N. Keene Rd., Clearwater, (727) 446-4909
- Waste Management Transfer Station, 12950 40th St. N., Clearwater, (727) 572-8779
- Waste Pro, 11880 34th St. N., Clearwater, (727) 304-4500

White goods disposal options:

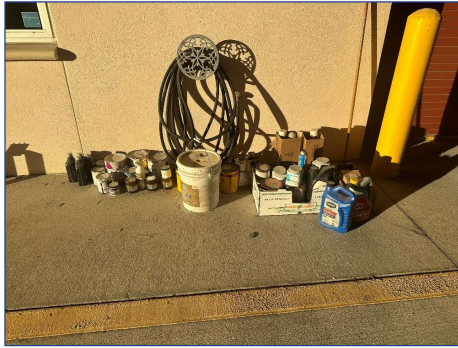
- Andcot Metal Recycling, 806 Andcot Rd., Tarpon Springs, (727) 938-2822
- Best Metal Recycling (Clearwater), 15122 63rd St. N., Clearwater, (727) 524-2550
- Best Metal Recycling (Tarpon Springs), 1599 Rainville Rd., Tarpon Springs, (727) 937-6962
- Trademark Metal (Clearwater), 2032 Gentry St., Clearwater, (727) 447-6960
- Trademark Metal (Pinellas Park), 9380 67th St. N., Pinellas Park, (727) 544-5810

Vegetative debris/brush disposal options:

- Veransa Clearwater, 12101 40th St. N., Clearwater, (727) 299-9300
- Angelo's Recycled Materials (GFL Environmental), 1755 20th Ave. SE, Largo, (727) 588-9529

Communication flyers

Illegal Dumping



HHW Center



SW Perimeter



HHW North

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SQG Inspections



- **Inspectors diverted to shelters and storm debris screen teams**
- **Began inspections again in non-evac zones two weeks post-Milton**
- **Targeted corporate locations**
- **“Normal” operations roughly 90-days post storm**

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Targeted HHW Collection Events



Most impacted area was our barrier island communities

Important Notice: Pinellas County Solid Waste will host two household chemical collection events on the barrier islands. These events aim to provide residents with a convenient way to safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals in the aftermath of hurricanes Helene and Milton.

- Saturday, November 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Treasure Island Fire Department Parking Lot: [180 108th Ave., Treasure Island, FL 33706](#)
- Saturday, November 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Belleair Causeway Boat Ramp: [3900 West Bay Drive, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770](#)



Household Chemical Collection



Saturday November 16, 2024
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Treasure Island Fire Department Parking Lot
180 108th Ave.,
Treasure Island, FL 33706

Collections may be delayed or canceled due to severe weather

Household Chemical Collection



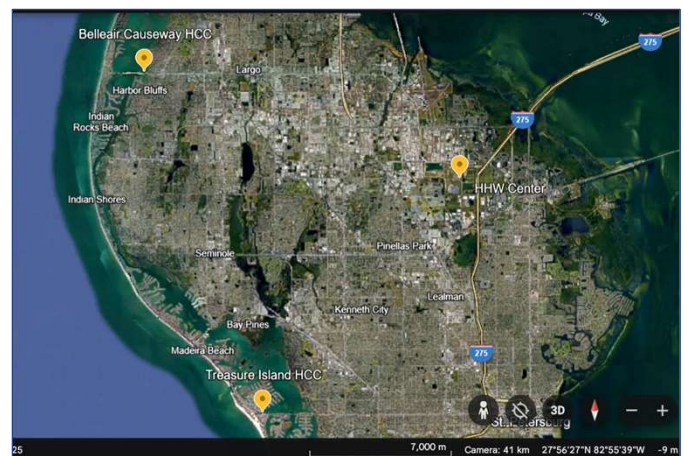
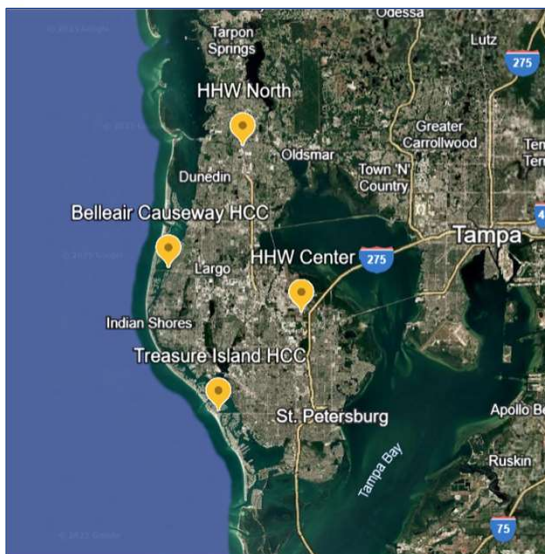
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Belleair Causeway Boat Ramp
3900 West Bay Drive
Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770

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Our Locations



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Treasure Island HCC



- Served 220 people
- 20,580 pounds of paint (new record)
- 5,509 pounds of chemicals
- Line over one mile long



Traffic flow



Latex Paint Box



Site Map

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Belleair Causeway HCC / HHW North Site



Belleair HCC

- Served 164 people
- 3,186 pounds of chemicals
- 7,120 pounds of paint



HHW North

- Served 291 resident
- 5,821 pounds of chemical
- 13,940 pounds of paint



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Business Electronics & Chemical Collection Events



- **Second Wednesday of every month**
- **Processed all the "debris haulers" through BECC**
- **November & December processed 40,044 pounds of chemicals and electronics**

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HHW Program Impacts



November 2024: Processed 136,854 pounds and 1,884 residents

- **November 2023: 71,034 pounds and 1,441 residents**

October 2024: Processed 101,519 pounds and 1,638 residents

- **October 2023: 78,019 pounds and 1,540 residents**

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Why Do a Spring Cleaning?



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Lessons Learned



- Gas with saltwater contamination
- Spring cleaning promotion
- Future HCC on barrier islands pre storm



Get rid of your old gasoline at the Household Hazardous Waste program's **FREE** drop-off centers. 

Social Media Graphic

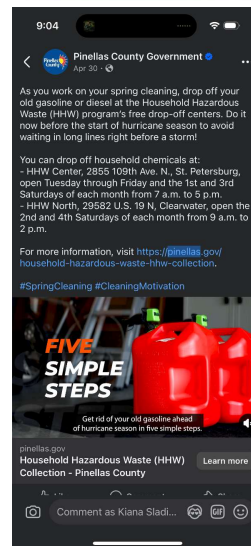
Pinellas County urges early disposal of hazardous waste ahead of hurricane season



By *Pinellas Staff*
 Pinellas County is encouraging everyone to get rid of hazardous waste in their households before hurricane season.
 The county says that every year, people rush to get rid of old gasoline or other harmful waste before hurricane season.
 This leads to long lines and quickly fills the centers' bulk fuel tanks, resulting in some people being turned away. So officials say it's better to do it now.



ABC News Story



Facebook and Instagram Messaging



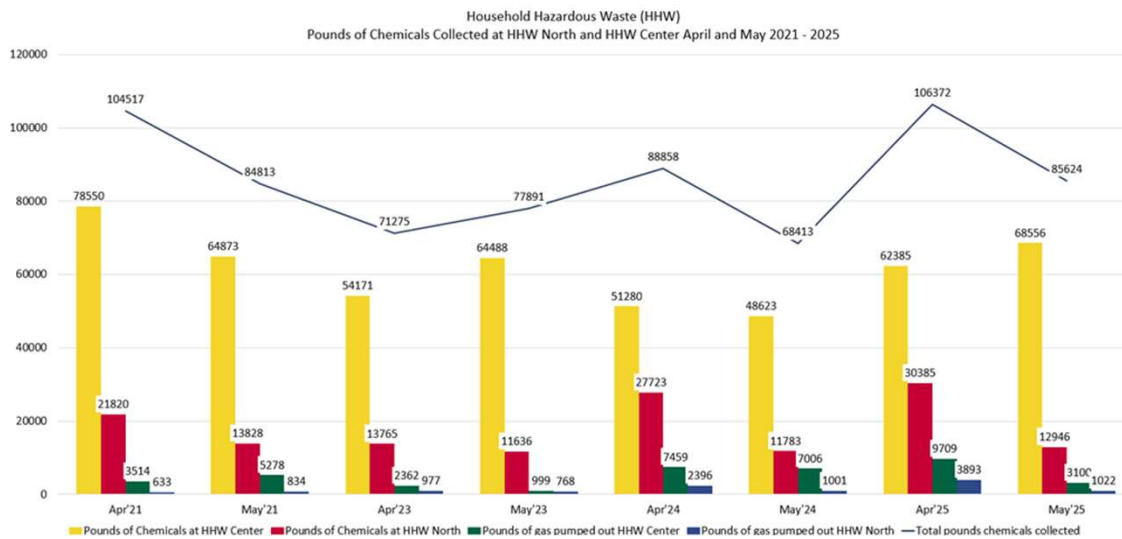
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Spring Cleaning!



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Spring Cleaning Result



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