



BREVARD County
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**Brevard County Solid Waste
Wins Regional Awards**



The Florida Chapter of the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association has announced that Brevard County Solid Waste will receive its *Public/Private Partnership Award* and its *Longstanding Program Excellence Award* at its May workshop.

The *Public/Private Partnership Award* recognizes companies, government agencies, nonprofit groups and political entities that have worked together as partners to accomplish a goal that is supportive of the organization's mission. Through the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, the County has collected unused latex paint from Brevard's residents since 1985 and began recycling the paint with the assistance of a local paint manufacturing company, Richard's Paint in 1988. The recycled paint is packaged and labeled under the County's own Brevard Recycles label and distributed free of charge to the residents of Brevard County twice a year. In 1989, Brevard County Solid Waste received an award from the National Association of Counties for the paint recycling program as the first initiative of its kind in the country.

The *Longstanding Program Excellence Award* recognizes programs that have been in service for 15 years or longer, have demonstrated consistent service to the community and provided innovation in the field of household hazardous waste management. Brevard County Solid Waste was one of the first Counties in Florida to establish a permanent collection site for residents to drop off their unwanted or leftover household chemicals. The Solid Waste Management Department has received several unique and innovative grants from the State of Florida over the past twenty years supporting the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.

The Brevard County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program provides homeowners with an environmentally sound means of disposing of their household chemicals and electronics while incorporating reuse and recycling of these otherwise useless products.