

Okaloosa County News Release

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Okaloosa County Promotes National Pollution Prevention Week

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will celebrate September 15 - 21 2008, as National Pollution Prevention Week. In celebration of this event, Okaloosa County Recycling office will hold a **FREE** hazardous household collection event at their location at 80 Ready Avenue in Ft. Walton Beach. Collections are by appointment only, call 651-7395, for residential customers.

Florida's theme for this year's Pollution Prevention Week is "Greening Florida's Future" and will focus on "green" cleaning methods. The state is encouraging residents, businesses and schools to prevent pollution at the source through "green" cleaning, "green" purchasing and the proper disposal of hazardous cleaners and household waste.

Additionally, Okaloosa County will hold its Florida Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 20, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Adopt-a-Road and Highway groups are encouraged to come out and clean up in cooperation with the beach clean up. Additionally, there is an Adopt-a-Dune program for those interested. Adopt a Highway area groups are asked to please bring their bags back to the collection point at Beasley Park if at all possible for disposal to help keep the costs down.

Florida Coastal Clean up meeting locations are Beasley Park, Seashore Beach Accessway, Destin Harbor, Henderson Beach Park and Rocky Bayou State Park. Adopt-a-Road/Highway group contacts are encouraged to contact Okaloosa County Public Works if you need additional supplies such as vests, bags, signs, etc. We can make arrangements for a meeting place in Crestview if anyone is interested. Just let us know so we can plan accordingly.

For more information, contact Okaloosa County Tourist Development Council, 850-651-7131, Public Works, 689-5772, Board of County Commissioners, 651-7105 and/or your Adopt-a-Highway contacts. Okaloosa County has an extensive recycling and waste management program, and encourages residents to visit the web site for details at www.okaloosaf.com – and Don't Pollute!

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