

# DON'T LET YOUR UNWANTED FIREARM GET INTO THE WRONG HANDS...

The Sarasota Police Department is dedicated to keeping the community safe by accepting your unwanted guns. When you no longer want a firearm, we can help you responsibly dispose of your firearm and ammunition, thereby eliminating the risk of theft, misuse, or accidental discharge.

When a firearm is turned in, its serial number will be run through a law enforcement database to ensure it has not been reported stolen or used in a crime. The firearm will then be turned over to a certified vendor that specializes in destroying firearms or converted to department use for training.

If you have questions, please call the Sarasota Police Department's Property Unit at 941-263-6040.



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## SARASOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

**DONE WITH THE GUN**SAFE FIREARM DISPOSAL PROGRAM



#### WHAT WE ACCEPT

In addition to all firearms, we will accept non-working, antique, replica, pellet and BB guns.

We also accept ammunition.

#### **BEFORE YOU ARRIVE**

YOU MUST CALL 941-263-6040 FOR AN ARRANGED APPOINTMENT FIRST.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN YOU ARRIVE

The following protocol **MUST** be followed to bring a firearm to the Sarasota Police Department **located at:** 2099 Adams Lane **during the business hours of:** 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

### OUR SAFE FIREARM DISPOSAL PROGRAM PROTOCOL

#### **IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY**

The packaged firearm should be left in your vehicle when you arrive at the police department. Officers at the police department will retrieve it from your vehicle.

The firearm **MUST** be delivered unloaded. Do not attempt to unload a firearm if you do not know how.

When possible, firearms should first be put in a clear case or plastic bag, sealed in some manner, and then the bagged gun must be packaged into another container (gym bag, backpack, etc.) that is not see-through. This is especially important with handguns.

Long guns should be transported in a proper case or wrapped in a blanket, tarp or something similar.

If transporting a firearm by vehicle, the firearm must be transported in the trunk or cargo area of the vehicle.

If depositing ammunition, it must be delivered in a separate bag.



### WILL I BE ARRESTED?

The Sarasota Police Department will not arrest you for possession of an illegal firearm if you are surrendering the firearm in compliance with the guidelines of this program.

However, amnesty will not be given for any crime committed with that firearm or for any crime committed while in possession of that firearm.

If protocol is not followed, or if Sarasota Police find you with a weapon and determine you are not participating in the program, Sarasota Police may make an arrest for possession of a weapon.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DONE WITH THE GUN SAFE FIREARM DISPOSAL PROGRAM?

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## DONE WITH THE GUN

HAVE FIREARMS YOU NO LONGER WANT?
THE SARASOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT CAN HELP YOU SAFELY DISPOSE OF THEM



The Sarasota Police Department is committed to making sure guns don't fall into the wrong hands. When you no longer want a firearm, call the Sarasota Police Department Property Unit at 941-263-6040 and they can help responsibly dispose of your guns and ammunition. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

When you are ready to bring the gun to the Sarasota Police Department, transport the gun to the police department in the trunk of a vehicle, in a secured container.

Make sure the weapon is unloaded. Never point it at anyone.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL THE SARASOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY UNIT 941-263-6040 2099 ADAMS LANE - SARASOTA