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OPERATION SAFE DISPOSAL: KEEP YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS PRIVATE; DON'T ADVERTISE TO CRIMINALS

Clearwater, Fla. – Flat screen TVs, video game consoles, computers, jewelry and more.... It's not uncommon to see an array of boxes by the curb – advertising your expensive holiday gifts – right after Christmas.

“When you leave these boxes just a few feet from your front door, it's very easy for someone to figure out what you have inside your home. This could make you an easy target for a burglar,” said Clearwater Deputy Chief Sandra Wilson.

This year the Clearwater Police Department is partnering with the City of Clearwater Solid Waste for Operation Safe Disposal. Each of the five following drop-off locations will have a trash bin for safe disposal of gift boxes and/or packaging:

Clearwater Police Headquarters
645 Pierce Street

Clearwater Police Countryside Substation
2851 N. McMullen Booth Road

Clearwater Police Beach Substation
700 Bayway Boulevard

Clearwater Solid Waste/General Services
1701 N. Hercules Avenue

Clearwater Fire Station 49
565 Sky Harbor Drive

Drop off locations will be available December 26 - 31.

Also remember to keep a record of valuable gifts by documenting make, model, serial numbers and a detailed description. You can download a form at <http://www.clearwaterpolice.com/news/pdf/Photos/Operation%20Identification.pdf>.

