

## Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News

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Drop lots of Toys for Tots at the SWA through Dec. 18

Bring a little cheer to a needy child's year by donating a new, unwrapped toy to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program <<https://west-palm-beach-fl.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/donate-toys.aspx>>. The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's Administration Building <<http://swa.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Administration-12>> (7501 N. Jog Road in West Palm Beach) is a drop-off spot for new, unwrapped toy donations now through 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, during normal business hours.

Toy donations can be either for a boy or girl, from infant age to 15 years. The hardest age groups to fill are both boys and girls age 0-2 and 11 and up. No realistic looking weapons or gifts with food will be accepted or distributed.

The goal of the program is "to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them into becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens." The SWA joined in the efforts of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots toy drive in the 1980s and with the local community's generous participation, the SWA toy drive has grown each year.

For more information on the SWA's partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots toy drive, call Aurora Ortiz, SWA Education Specialist, at 561-640-

4000. A full list of Palm Beach County Toys for Tots drop-off locations<<https://west-palm-beach-fl.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/donate-toys.aspx>> is available online.

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About Toys for Tots<<https://west-palm-beach-fl.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/about-local-toys-for-tots.aspx>>

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity is the fundraising, funding and support organization for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation was created at the behest of the U.S. Marine Corps and provides support in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, who directs the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation has supported Toys for Tots since 1991.

About the SWA<<http://www.swa.org/>>

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County is a Dependent Special District that was created by the Florida Legislature in 1975. Since then, the SWA has developed an award-winning integrated solid waste management system to handle the county's waste and recyclables. We call ourselves AWAY: whether you throw it, recycle it or flush it AWAY, we put your waste to work. Each year, we:

- Process more than 90,000 tons of recyclables<<http://www.swa.org/RecycleRight>> each year
- Combust approximately 1.8 million tons of trash each year to generate electricity at renewable energy facilities<<http://swa.org/364/Renewable-Energy-Facilities>>
- Produce enough electricity to power approximately 74,000 homes

- Recycle more than 150,000 tons of wastewater treatment residuals<<http://swa.org/353/Biosolids-Processing-Facility>> (sludge from flushes) into environmentally-friendly fertilizer
- Safely dispose of more than 3.9 million pounds of home hazards<<http://swa.org/171/Home-Chemical-Disposal>> a year
- Collect water off of the roofs of Renewable Energy Facility 2<<http://swa.org/375/Palm-Beach-Renewable-Energy-Facility-2>> and store it in a 2 million gallon cistern, which is used as part of the energy making process

With the recent changes to the SWA's website, anyone can now sign up to receive SWA news, calendar updates, jobs, or other Web postings of interest by signing up online<<http://www.swa.org/list.aspx>>. Should you sign up online to receive SWA's news releases, we can remove you from this distribution by sending a REMOVE reply to this email.

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