Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County – TROPICAL STORM ETA UPDATE 1 Nov. 7, 2020 at 12:25 p.m.

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All SWA disposal facilities to close and no waste collection service in unincorporated PBC on Monday, Nov. 9

Palm Beach County is under a Tropical Storm Watch of Tropical Storm Eta, due to high winds and with heavy rains predicted to cause localized flooding. As a result, all Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County facilities and operations will be CLOSED Monday (11/09/2020).

There will be no garbage, recyclables, yard waste or bulk waste collection in unincorporated Palm Beach County, and no onsite drop-offs will be accepted until after the storm passes and it is safe to reopen facilities.

The SWA Greenway Trail System has closed as of 12 p.m. today (Saturday, 11/07/2020) until further notice.

Waste collection and disposal will continue as scheduled today (Saturday, 11/07/2020).

Those who live in a city should contact their municipality for information on the status of collection service in their community. A <u>list of city contacts</u> is available on the SWA website.

It is anticipated that all SWA facilities and operations will reopen Tuesday (11/10/2020) and waste collection in unincorporated Palm Beach County will resume as usual. This will depend on a post-storm evaluation of all SWA facilities for damage and accessibility, and is subject to change. The SWA will provide updates as necessary.

If curbside waste or yard waste is not picked up by the end of business today, (Saturday, 11/07/2020), residents should remove the material from the curb and secure it until after the storm passes.

To keep up-to-date on Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County openings and actions, please visit the SWA's:

- Website SWA.org/Hurricane
- Facebook page facebook.com/SolidWasteAuthority
- Twitter page twitter.com/SWAPBC

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About the SWA

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 each year
- Combust approximately 1.8 million tons of trash each year to generate electricity at renewable energy facilities
- Produce enough electricity to power approximately 74,000 homes
- Recycle more than 150,000 tons of <u>wastewater treatment residuals</u> (sludge from flushes) into environmentally-friendly fertilizer
- Collect water off of the roofs of <u>Renewable Energy Facility 2</u> 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. 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.
Connect with the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County - www.SWA.org
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