

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News

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There is no Christmas Day garbage collection in unincorporated Palm Beach County

Live in unincorporated Palm Beach County? There is no garbage service and all Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County facilities are closed on Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 25). There is no makeup collection day for garbage, recycling, yard waste or bulk waste for these two holidays.

There will be normal scheduled collection services for unincorporated residents on Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24), New Year's Eve (Thursday, Dec. 31), and New Year's Day (Friday, Jan. 1, 2021). While SWA administrative offices will be closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, a limited number of Customer Service team members will be available to assist residents with any garbage or recyclable collection questions or concerns. SWA Customer Service can be reached at 561-697-2700, 866-792-4636 or ContactCIS@SWA.org.

More information on [holiday collection](#) can be found online, as can additional information about SWA [facilities and hours](#).

There are special holiday collection provisions in the unincorporated collections contract, including:

Garbage properly secured in plastic bags will be collected outside of the cart:

- Following Christmas Day from Dec. 26, 2020 - Jan. 1, 2021
 - Residents still should place all debris normally collected on these days curbside by 6 a.m.

Recycling

- Oversized or excess cardboard will be collected outside the yellow recycle bin

Yard Waste

- Remains limited to 6 cubic yards of yard waste at the curb on the next scheduled yard waste collection day. (This still provides a resident to remove more than 300 cubic yards of yard waste per year, while only being assessed disposal for 6 cubic yards a year)

Bulk Waste

- Remains limited to 3 items at the curb for the next scheduled bulk waste collection day.

County residents that live in one of Palm Beach County's 39 municipalities should contact their municipality directly for their holiday collection schedule. A [list of municipal contacts](#) can be found online.

County residents in unincorporated Palm Beach County can always see their updated collection schedule, set reminders, and sign up for collection information by clicking the "My Pick-Up Days" button at SWA.org.

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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 100,000 tons of [recyclables](#) each year*
- *Burn 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 [wastewater treatment residuals](#) (sludge from flushes) into environmentally-friendly fertilizer*
- *Safely dispose of more than 4 million pounds of [home hazards](#) a year*
- *Collect water off of the roofs of [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](#). 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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